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A hot cloud was hangin' around We were a rowdy crowd

Drinkin' beer and smokin' at the end of the pier
Danny was shufflin' through a magazine
Clippin' out pictures of a car To get us out of here
Laura was hounding him to get a bike

Warning him the time was now Or he'd be out on his ear,
she'd disappear If only we could cross the river
We couldn't get a jump-start on life The whispers across the Hudson

Grow louder in our ears Louder in our ears every night
We were all somewhat out of school Jersey by birth,
relaxing but not on a holiday An appalling amount of
time spent at the mall Not a tragedy, but not exactly the
Milky Way Looking for a bigger laugh, a better store, A
cutter guy, a shorter working day, better pay If only we
could cross the river We couldn't get a jump-start
on life The whispers across the Hudson Grow louder in
our ears Louder in our ears Louder in our ears every
night When Laura and Danny broke up She set her
sights on Billy Stone Well, I had just split from Jonathan
So by chance, I was all alone Danny and I got along as
well We spent hours on the phone Just talkin' on the
phone When I was twenty and crazy as a joke I went to
bed with a broker

When I was broke I got used to doormen and limousines

And Christmas cards from friends signed by a machine
And woman, they were calling me "Ma'am" As they
cleaned up after me If only we could cross the river But
something is holding us back A way of life that's
too familiar Like the lines are to the railroad track If
only we could cross the river We couldn't get a
jump-start on life The whispers across the Hudson
Grow louder in our ears Louder in our ears every night
Dear Laura, I know it's been years Since I crossed
the bridge back to the Palisades How are your kids?
Mine are both swell little fellas Here are some clippings
of me and Brad

At a charity ball and a White House sup I've

perfected my smile for the camera
Chin is up I miss you all so much
If only I could cross the river
But something is holding us back
A way of life that's too familiar
Like the lines are to the railroad
Lines are to the railroad
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