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Lucy Kaplansky "Love song/new york"

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I remember his frightened eyes and his mouth so quick to mock

Listening late at night to his soft Midwestern talk In the corner of the cafe, as dark as an eclipse He tried to smile, but his cheek lines put parentheses around his lips

Walk down Grand Street, the wind would blow us round and round

And all his talk was incomplete, so I just listened to the sound

He could never see my heart, it was a blur back then Oh but it's true I was the prettiest girl in New York when I walked down the street with him

We were walking, sort of dancing, up on the rooftop real slow

Quietly waiting to get stung by Lester Young over that tiny radio

There were so many women in his eyes, I knew he never could be mine

But everyone must die alone,

and that's just how some men will always walk the loine

It was out at the newsstand, the corner of MacDougal and West Third

He took back his hand and said goodbye, to this day I pretend I never heard

Let the years roll away, let the seasons disappear And if I seem to be okay I'm just thinking of the time I held him near

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