

Van Morrison "On Hyndford Street"

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Take me back, take me way, way, way back
On Hyndford Street
Where you could feel the silence at half past eleven
On long summer nights
As the wireless played Radio Luxembourg
And the voices whispered across Beechie River

In the quietness as we sank into restful slumber in the
silence
And carried on dreaming, in God
And walks up Cherry Valley from North Road Bridge,
railway line
On sunny summer afternoons
Picking apples from the side of the tracks
That spilled over from the gardens of the houses on
Cyprus Avenue

Watching the moth catcher working the floodlights in
the evenings
And meeting down by the pylons
Playing round Mrs. Kelly's lamp
Going out to Holywood on the bus
And walking from the end of the lines to the seaside
Stopping at Fusco's for ice cream

In the days before rock 'n' roll
Hyndford Street, Abetta Parade
Orangefield, St. Donard's Church, Sunday six bells
And in between the silence there was conversation
And laughter, and music and singing
And shivers up the back of the neck

And tuning in to Luxembourg late at night
And jazz and blues records during the day
Also Debussy on the third programme
Early mornings when contemplation was best
Going up the Castlereagh hills
And the cregagh glens in summer and coming back

To Hyndford Street, feeling wondrous and lit up inside
With a sense of everlasting life
And reading Mr. Jelly Roll and Big Bill Broonzy

And "Really The Blues" by Mezz Mezzrow
And "Dharma Bums" by Jack Kerouac over and over
again
And voices echoing late at night over Beechie River
And it's always being now, and it's always being now

It's always now
Can you feel the silence?
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