

## **Patti Smith**

### **"Spell"**

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Holy holy holy holy holy  
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The world is holy, the soul is holy  
The skin is holy, the nose is holy  
The tongue and cock and hand and asshole  
Holy

Everything is holy, everybody's holy, everywhere is  
holy  
Everyday is in eternity, every man is an angel  
The bum's as holy as the seraphim  
The madman is holy as you my soul are holy

The typewriter is holy, the poem is holy  
The voice is holy, the hearers are holy, the ecstasy is  
holy  
Holy Peter, holy Allen, holy Solomon, holy Lucien  
Holy Kerouac, holy Huncke, holy Burroughs, holy  
Cassady

Holy the unknown buggered and suffering beggars  
Holy the hideous human angels  
Holy my mother in the insane asylum  
Holy the cocks of the grandfathers of Kansas  
Holy the groaning saxophone, holy the bop apocalypse  
(Holy the bop)  
Apocalypse  
(Apocalypse)  
Apocalypse

Holy the jazz bands, marijuana  
Hipsters, peace and junk and dreams  
Holy the solitudes of skyscrapers and pavements  
Holy the cafeterias filled with the millions

Holy the mysterious rivers of tears under the streets  
Holy the lone juggernaut, holy the vast lamb of the  
middle class  
Holy the crazy shepherds of rebellion  
Who digs Los Angeles is Los Angeles

Holy New York, holy San Francisco  
Holy Peoria and Seattle, holy Paris  
Holy Tangiers, holy Moscow, holy Istanbul  
Holy time in eternity, body, holy eternity in time

Holy the clocks in space, holy the fourth dimension  
Holy the fifth International, holy the Angel in Moloch  
Holy the sea, holy the desert, holy the railroad  
Holy the locomotive, holy the visions, holy the  
hallucination

Holy the miracles, holy the eyeball, holy the abyss  
Holy forgiveness, mercy, charity, faith  
Holy ours, bodies suffering magnanimity  
Holy the supernatural, extra brilliant, intelligent,  
kindness of the soul

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