

## Reed Lou "Halloween Parade"

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There's a downtown fairy singing out "Proud Mary" as she cruises Christopher Street and some Southern Queen is acting loud and mean where the docks and the badlands meet This Halloween is something to be sure especially to be here without you There's a Greta Garbo and an Alfred Hitchcock and some black Jamaican stud There's five Cinderellas and some leather drags I almost fell into my mug There's a Crawford, Davis and a tacky Cary Grant

and some Homeboys lookin' for trouble down here from the Bronx

But there ain't no Hairy and no Virgin Mary you won't hear those voices again and Johny Rio and Rotten Rita you'll never see those faces again This Halloween is something to be sure especially to be here without you There's the Born Again Losers and the Lavender Boozers

and some crack team from Washington Heights the boys from Avenue B and the girls from Avenue D

Tinkerbell in tights

This celebration somehow gets me down

Especially when I see you're not around

There's no Peter Pedantic saying things romantic

In Latin, Greek or Spic

There's no Three Bananas or Brandy Alexander

Dishing all their tricks

It's a different feeling that I have today

Especially when I know you've gone away

There's a girl from Soho with a teeshirt saying "I Blow"

She's with the "jive five 2 plus 3"

And the girls for pay dates are giving cut rates

Or else doing it for free

The past keeps knock knock knocking on my door

And I don't want to hear it anymore

No consolations please

for feelin' funky

I got to get my head above my knees

But it makes me mad and mad makes me sad

And then I start to freeze
In the back of my mind I was afraid it might be true
In the back of my mind I was afraid that they meant you
The Halloween parade
See you next year--At the Halloween parade

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