

The Traveling Wilburys

"Tweeter And The Monkey Man"

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Verse 1:

Tweeter and the Monkey Man were hard up for cash
They stayed up all night selling cocaine and hash
To an undercover cop who had a sister named Jan
For reasons unexplained she loved the Monkey Man
Tweeter was a boy scout before she went to Vietnam
And found out the hard way nobody gives a damn
They knew that they found freedom just across the
Jersey Line

So they hopped into a stolen car took Highway 99

Chorus:

And the walls came down all the way to hell
Never saw them when they're standing
Never saw them when they fell

Verse 2:

The undercover cop never liked the Monkey Man
Even back in childhood he wanted to see him in the can
Jan got married at fourteen to a rackateer named Bill
She made secret calls to the Monkey Man from a
mansion on the hill

It was out on thunder road - Tweeter at the wheel
They crashed into paradise - they could hear them tires
squeal

The undercover cop pulled up and said "Everyone of
you's a liar

If you don't surrender now it's gonna go down to the
wire

(To chorus:)

Verse 3:

An ambulance rolled up - a state trooper close behind
Tweeter took his gun away and messed up his mind
The undercover cop was left tied up to a tree
Near the souvenir stand by the old abandoned factory

Next day the undercover cop was hot in pursuit

He was taking the whole thing personal

He didn't care about the loot

Jan had told him many times it was you to me who
taught

In Jersey anything's legal as long as you don't get
caught

(To chorus:)

Verse 4:

Someplace by Rahway prison they ran out of gas
The undercover cop had cornered them said "Boy, you
didn't

think that this could last"

Jan jumped out of bed said "There's someplace I gotta
go"

She took a gun out of the drawer and said "It's best if
you don't know"

The undercover cop was found face down in a field
The monkey man was on the river bridge using Tweeter
as a shield

Jan said to the Monkey Man "I'm not fooled by
Tweeter's curl

I knew him long before he ever became a Jersey girl"

(To chorus:)

Verse 5:

Now the town of Jersey City is quieting down again
I'm sitting in a gambling club called the Lion's Den
The TV set been blown up, every bit of it is gone
Ever since the nightly news show that the Monkey Man
was on

I guess I'll go to Florida and get myself some sun
There ain't no more opportunity here, everything's
been done

Sometime I think of Tweeter, sometime I think of Jan
Sometime I don't think about nothing but the Monkey
Man

(To chorus:)

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