

## **Rosemary Clooney**

# **"Do You Miss New York?"**

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Since I took a left and moved out to the coast  
From time to time I find myself engrossed  
With other erstwhile denizens of the Apple

While we sit around and take L.A. to task  
There's a question someone's bound to ask  
And with this complex matter we must grapple

Do you miss New York? The anger, the action  
Does your laid back lifestyle  
Lack a certain satisfaction?

Do you ever burn to pack up and return  
To the thick of it, or are you really sick of it?  
As you always say

Do you miss the pace? The rat race, a racket  
If you had to face it now  
Do you still think you could hack it?

When you're back in town for a quick look around  
How is it? Does it seem like home  
Or just another nice place to visit?

And were those halcyon days  
Just a youthful phase you outgrew?  
Tell me, do you miss New York?  
Do you miss New York?

Do you miss the strain, the traffic, the tension?  
Do you view your new terrain  
With a touch of condescension on this quiet street?

Is it really as sweet as it seems out here?  
Do you dream your dreams out here or is that  
passé?  
Do you miss the scene? The frenzy, the faces

And did you trade the whole parade  
For a pair of parking places?  
If you had the choice would you still choose to do it all  
again?

Do you find yourself standing in line to see Annie Hall  
again?  
And do you ever run into that someone who used to be  
you?  
Tell me, do you miss New York? Me too

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