

**Dave Smallen****"NYC"**

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Morning came to consciousness as the streetcar slowly  
creaked  
And it froze the beer-glass ashtrays on the balcony  
railing  
And the refuse of the evening was lifted on the breeze  
And new day spills into the street

And the duchess is still sleeping when I slip out of bed  
And I stand before her a moment, from her apartment I  
descend  
She's filthy like she's wealthy, I'm guilty as my debts  
I'm a squeezed accordion

But if I get back to New York City  
If I get back to New York City  
Oh Tanya wont you help me  
Dissolve all of my longings  
If I get back to New York City  
If I get back to New York  
It better be like it was before

Tanya I'll be leaving when the sunlight hits the street  
I want to sound your name in verses, echo off of the  
buildings  
I want to disappear with you now Tanya  
in the rising subway steam,  
I know you don't know me but trust me please

Oh I tried so hard to kiss you, tell me, did you burn like I  
burned  
In that blue haze of morning when it was just starting to  
hurt  
And me and Joey were still wasted watching the city  
walk to work,  
I've been screaming all night, someone tell me that you  
heard.

But If I get back to New York City  
If I get back to New York City  
Oh Tanya wont you let me wrap your limbs around me  
If I get back to New York City

If I get back to New York  
It better be like it was before

I'll think of you in California when the gutters start to  
flood  
And I'll wear you woven in my winter coat, spiked in my  
blood  
I hope you're as lovely as you were that night when I  
was drunk  
I just wish you'd call me, you know I wont ask for much

But if I get back to New York City  
If I get back to New York City  
Oh Tanya I hope you're sorry as you watch my star  
rising  
And If I get back to New York City  
If I get back to New York  
It better be like it was before

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