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"Yuppies In The Sky"

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(Tom Paxton)

One night as I was walking down Columbus Avenue
The sushi bars were shuttered, and the dark cantina
too

I stood there in the darkness as an empty cab rolled by
When all at once I heard the sound of yuppies in the
sky

The herd came down Columbus for as far as I could
see

The men were wearing polo and the women wore esprit
Each yuppie had a Walkman, and as each one passed
me by

I saw their sad expressions and I heard their mournful
cry

Condos for sale, Condos to buy, Oh Yuppies in the sky
Condos for sale, Condos to buy, Oh Yuppies in the sky
Each one was wearing running shoes upon the ghostly
deck

And each one had a cotton sweater wrapped around
his neck

They all held out their credit cards and tried in vain to
buy

But all the stores were shuttered to the yuppies in the
sky

Condos for sale, Condos to buy, Oh Yuppies in the sky
Condos for sale, Condos to buy, Oh Yuppies in the sky
I'd seen them in commercials sailing boats and playing
ball

Pouring beer for one another, crying, "Why not have it
all"

Now I saw their ghostly progress down Columbus
Avenue

I heard their cries for mercy and it chilled me through
and through

Condos for sale, Condos to buy, Oh Yuppies in the sky
Condos for sale, Condos to buy, Oh Yuppies in the sky
All the salad bars were empty, all the quiche Lorraine
was gone

I heard the yuppies crying as they vanished in the dawn
Calling brand names to each other, they faded from
my view

They'd be networking forever down Columbus Avenue
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