

Manhattan Transfer, The

"Rambo"

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He's got that funny name
And ramblin', that's his game, that's it
He's Rambo, talkin' 'bout me
We'll see

They call him Rambo because he's travelin'
He don't stay in one place
His life's a string, he keeps unravellin'
He don't leave no trace

He's got a yen for changin' places
He digs changin' scenes
That way he stays in everybody's good graces

He's happy on the move
He's mobile and free
He wants no strings attached
That's how it's gotta be, see

He'll keep on ramblin' till the coda
He don't stay one place
Because he's just a ramblin' man
His favorite hobby's hittin' the road

He was a fella livin' solely
By the ramblers on the code

Some people are born to roam
Fate gave 'em roamin' natures
And so they wander around
Leavin' people wonderin' when they'll touch the ground

Hither and yon, here and beyond
Wherever they never been before
As soon as you're used to their face
They're off and runnin' again, gone to another new place

Peripatetic is the only word
That I had ever heard that people could use
That really describes him

There's no other word could do that
Only other word I know that comes
The closest to it is "Gypsy"

And that don't really fit him at all
"Cause he ain't tellin' fortunes, hates bein' dippy
Everywhere I go, they call him Rambo
'Cause he won't stay long

In my ramblin', I've met a lotta people here and there
And see 'bout the same everywhere
Each with his own little thing
That he uses while he's tryin' to swing

Maybe the look ain't the same
But they play the same game
There's quite a lot of difference
In their outlook, I know

Still, yet, their story, lemme tell you
Is a story that you won't forget
[Incomprehensible]
I felt so stuck with my present situation

Later, when I got a little older
That was when I discovered I could split
And find myself another groove

That was all I need, I was on the move
I packed my little bag and started ramblin'
To this day, I'm a rover who'll always be ramblin'

You get drug stayin' in one place
Depressed and feelin' low down
Get new kicks movin' round'

Roamin' the country's educational for you
And widens your point of view
Tests your mettle, cools your mind out
And that's true without a doubt
You know? I mean you dig

That's Rambo's gig
Rambo is ready to ramble and itchin' to split
Oh yeah, he'll start packin' and quit it
Forget it! 'Cause he's done with it

That's Rambo! Travelin' light
Stay too long, he'll get uptight
So his motto is "Keep movin'"

You got it! That's his bit!

Next time he might leave an address
'Cause the little girl that he met last night
Paid him so much attention
That it made him a bit uptight

We might not have to call him Rambo
'Cause he just might be settlin' down
He's gone the way of all men, fat, skinny or tall men
It happened to this rover we know, Rambo

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