

## Velvet Underground "Romeo Had Juliet"

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Caught between the twisted stars  
The plotted lines, the faulty map  
That brought Columbus to New York  
Betwixt, between the east and west  
He calls on her wearing a leather vest  
The earth squeals and shudders to a halt  
A diamond crucifix in his ear  
Is used to help ward off the fear  
That he has left his soul in someone's rented car  
Inside his pants he hides a mop  
To clean the mess that he has dropped  
Into the life of lithesome Juliet Bell

And Romeo wanted Juliet  
And Juliet wanted Romeo  
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Romeo Rodriguez squares  
His shoulders and curses Jesus  
Runs a comb through his black pony-tail  
He's thinking of his lonely room  
The sink that by his bed gives off a stink  
Then smells her perfume in his eyes  
And her voice was like a bell

Outside the street were steaming  
The crack dealers were dreaming  
Of an Uzi someone had just scored  
I betcha I could hit that light  
With my one good arm behind my back  
Says little Joey Diaz  
Brother give me another toke  
Those downtown hoods are no damn good  
Those Italians need a lesson to be taught  
This cop who died in Harlem  
You think they'd get the warnin?  
I was dancing when I saw his brains run out on the  
street

And Romeo had Juliet  
And Juliet had her Romeo

And Romeo had Juliet  
And Juliette had her Romeo

I'll take Manhattan in a garbage bag  
With Latin written on it that says  
"it's hard to give a shit these days"  
Manhattan's sinking like a rock  
Into the filthy Hudson what a shock  
They wrote a book about it  
They said it was like ancient Rome

The perfume burned his eyes  
Holding tightly to her thighs  
And something flickered for a minute  
And then it vanished and was gone

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