

## QUIETLY MAKING NOISE

OSCAR WILDE GOT IN BED SEVERAL FLOORS ABOVE MY HEAD  
LIVING WELL BEYOND HIS HIS MEANS IN THAT CRAZY PARIS SCENE  
RAIN FALLS DOWN IN SHEETS SO CLEAR AND NO ONE EVER CALLS ME DEAR  
TRAVELIN' BY MYSELF THESE DAYS, I'M INTO JAZZ AND FELT BERETS  
FAR FROM THAT OLD EASTERN SHORE SEARCHIN' FOR STRANGE METAPHORS  
  
I DON'T WANT TO BE ANOTHER VICTIM OF FASHION  
I DON'T WANT TO SEE MY NAME IN THE PAPER EACH DAY  
YOU CAN LEAVE THAT TO THE YOUNG TURKS THEY'RE MORE HANDSOME AND DASHIN'  
THOSE INTO PAPARAZZIS DOWN LAGUNA WAY  
  
NOW DOWN IN THE METRO I FEEL THE WORLD START TO MULTIPLY  
BASTILLE, RUBBER WHEELS SPIKED HEELS A GERANIUM LULLABYE  
MET AN AFRICAN PRANCER A HEMISPHERE DANCER BY THE COAST OF BRAZAN  
WE SMILED AT THE SECRET WE SHARED AND I ATE IT LIKE CONTRABAND  
  
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FOLLOW THE BEAT, HEY I FOUND MYSELF IN THIS PATOIS SPOT  
OUTSIDE A BLIZZARD WAS BLOWIN' BUT INSIDE THE JOINT WAS HOT  
ZOOK SONGS, RUBBIN' THONGS, SING ALONG, WORDS FLEW RIGHT BY MY FACE  
GET A RHYTHM AND MOTIONS A FLAM-A-JAM MOTION YOU CANNOT ERASE  
  
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SINGERS AND WRITERS POETS HAVE LIVED HERE FOR CENTURIES  
THE CITY OF LIGHT IS BUILT UPON MOUNTAINS OF MEMORIES  
BARITONE, SAXOPHONE, MONOTONE, SPEAK WITH A VOICE I'VE HEARD BEFORE  
IT'S THE LAST THING IMPRESSION A GYPSY EXPRESSION YOU CANNOT IGNORE  
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