

NY GIRLS

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Finally it's all over
I'm getting old
It's probably the best excuse
The pressure of privilege...
I had such bad anxiety
I had to go to the bathroom
I had to go

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Head trick temptation
Go for it
It's always the same concept
Don't fall asleep
Be cool with letting go
Hang out
Be inside and outside
It's possible
It's impossible

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Who would question the photographer?
Who would question the photography
of a beating heart?
Say this over and over
Like the chorus of a song
It's the only words in the song
Sing it as long as possible

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All right!
This is what I'm talking about!!
No casting couch here!
This is one on one
Mano et Mano
This is it
This is it

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This is old news
My boss is getting sued
He bought a book
On Vacation
Scanned it
Made some paintings
Made a book
Got sued
I've still got a job
I'm still here

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Living in the shadows
You've got yourself to blame
Living on the edge
You've got a taste for pain
Living on the streets
My heart goes out to you
Lying in my bed
I wish I was there too

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It is important to have a sense of humor
when it comes to photography.
He was laughing hysterically during
the entire shoot.
She was scared.
Who was this guy?
Afterwards they went out for pizza.
She gave him her friend's number.

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It would be fun to live in a world
Where this was all that mattered
It takes a lot of work to create these moments
This atmosphere
It doesn't just happen
If you're lucky it will happen to you
Wait for the applause

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"This doesn't make any sense"
She said last night at the club
I hadn't eaten anything in 2 days
I had been staring at my computer for a week
What was I looking for?
A guy wearing sunglasses grabbed me
by the shoulder
Threw me in a van
That's my story
That's how I got here

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It was hard to ignore the formal qualities
There was a triangle
Right there People acted like they
couldn't see it
It made him feel insane
He started screaming
He kept on screaming
This went on for 4 years

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None of it was true
It was always something else
I began to wonder
Did these experts have any idea what
 was going on beneath the surface...
Could they read between the lines?
It was all too perfect
Were they actors?
Musicians?
Comedians?
What was their real job?
Who were they working for?

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I had been sitting on that couch all day
You couldn't get me off that couch
There was a lot to see
My god
The number of times I had my photo taken
Then shown to me
You would have thought I was in heaven
The party was ending, though
I had to plan my exit

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20 years ago I knew what was happening
I wanted to be there
In the back room
Taking bong rips behind the curtain
I was trapped in my body
In a car
Driving across Canada
I was hypnotized
I was getting further away from my goal
I would never forget this

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Why am I so scared to go to the beach?
It seems so far away
What if something happened?
He stayed home
Watched a movie with the air conditioner on
He read a book
He ate dinner
She came home a different person
She had met a photographer
He was different
Not like the others
She was going back to the beach

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I'm not a psychopath
I'm a survivor
It's hard to tell the difference
I'm not going to make a mix-tape
 to spell it out for u
I'm going to be as clear as I can be
I want my life to be impossible
I want you to have my problems

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He never charged enough
He'd been looking for flattering relationships
 his whole life
He was always asking
“How much do you think it's worth?”
No-one would tell him
It never felt like enough
Everyone was always asking for more
He couldn't say no

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He had always loved the way bananas looked
It was like they were his muse
He would contemplate the title
“A Bunch of Bananas”
It sounded like a comedy
Marx Brothers
Bananas were funny

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“The first rule of photography is you
 do not talk about photography
The second rule...”
My mind turned off
I scanned the room
There were black chairs and tables
The floor was black
There was a TV on the wall
I looked back at him
He was still talking

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When she thought about leaving
She always stopped herself by thinking
 about the drive
It was bad
It went on forever
So she waited
It was torture
One day she got on a plane
Skateboarded to this guys house
He was famous

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When the reviews came in
There weren't many surprises
It wouldn't affect the grosses
They could buy it back
At cost
Block all efforts for merchandising
Bury it
Move on

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He had always wished he could smoke pot
It never worked
He always ended with him on the floor
He wished there was a dog to talk to
He stared at her wardrobe
She was freaked out
This was nothing

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I once told someone
I was like a prop comic
They laughed
That's when it hit me
Saying it was enough
I could get rid of all this stuff
I was free

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What is it about light?
I get so excited going somewhere new!
I walk in the door
I can't believe it
Is it always like this?
Is this normal?
Nobody notices
They stare at their computers
They drink coffee

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He took her home
She was watching music videos on his couch
He couldn't believe it
He started taking pictures
He couldn't believe that either
She was naked
She was annoyed
She would tell a friend about this

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I used to hate symmetry
I thought it was a lazy gimmick
What's the point?
You go one way
You go the same way
It doesn't mean anything
Then I discovered the Rorschach
Why was that different?
Something to do with something
The same

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Looking in the mirror
I had slept in again
Mornings had started at 10 AM
This was becoming normal
I wasn't in control of it
This was my new life
I had woken from a dream

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These ropes are like noodles
But I don't care
Like lady and the tramp
Sucking it up at an Italian pizza joint
In New York
We're in love
We're in America
Now take me home

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He said
"I know a couple of those girls"
He said
"Sometimes appropriation isn't appropriate."
(Ha Ha)
He said "I'll call you back."

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