Soho (Needless To Say)

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Rainstorm, brainstorm, faces in the maelstrom
Huddle by the puddles in the shadows where the drains run
Hot dogs, wet clogs clicking up the sidewalk
Disappearing into the booze shop
Rainbow queues stand down by the news stand, waiting for the late show

Pin ball, sin hall, minds in free fall Chocolate-colored ladies making eyes through the smoke-pall Soho (needless to say)

I'm alone on your streets on a Friday evening
I've been here all of the day
I'm going nowhere with nowhere to go
Football supporters taking the waters
They're looking round for the twilight daughters
Non-stop strip club pornographic bookshop
Come into the back and take your time and have a good look
Old man laughs with flowers in his hair

Newspaper headline "Midde East Deadline"
Jazz musicians are down on the breadline
Soho (needless to say)

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I've been here all of the day

I'm going nowhere with nowhere to go
Soho feeds the needs and hides the deeds, the mind that bleeds
Disenchanted, downstream in the night

Soho hears the lies, the twisted cries, the lonely sighs

Till she seems lost in dreams

The sun goes down on a neon eon

Though you'd have a job explaining it to Richard Coeur de Lion Animation, bar conversation, anticipation, disinclination

Poor old wino turns with dust in his eyes

Begs for the dregs from the bottom of the kegs, man You've never seen a lady lay down and spread her legs like Soho (needless to say)

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I've been here all of the day
I'm going nowhere with nowhere to go
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I'm alone on your streets, or am I dreaming

I've been here all of the day I'm going nowhere with nowhere to go

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