

# Nights In Harlem

## Luther Vandross

In the big apple, scars embedded like tattoos  
Ghetto love, protection from what's coming at you  
Keeping our heads up, maintaining self esteem  
And reminiscing on the Harlem Nights scene  
We used to party all night  
We used to hang out all night like it was all right  
Hoping we all might make it through  
Doin' what it takes to do to keep it true  
I like to reminisce about that night we kissed  
It was somewhere in Harlem  
The nights were hot and bright, you could treat your honey right  
'Coz Sylvia's would burn all night, yeah  
Remember the times we struggled and still held on  
Remember the nights in Harlem  
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Big sister had a group and they'd sit out on the stoop  
And Lordy could they harmonize  
My cousin Joe could blow just like the radio  
And he used to drove them 'B' girls wild  
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Hey yeah  
Oh yeah  
Hey, yo, the blocks are hot, uptown, you know the spots  
Night life where this playa's game is quite tight  
One two five where my name's inscribed  
Sparkin' trees, avoiding felonies, keepin' it love  
Headed for them riches, straight to stardom  
Can't forget the struggle, all Brooklyn to Harlem  
Dapper Dan's, shows at the Apollo  
Harlem days, summertime is my rhyme ya follow  
And through the pain, we held on

With more to obtain, more to gain  
Ya can't dwell on bad vibes and sad lives we encountered  
Take care of self and family, that's what it amounts to  
Inhale so you could feel this realness  
In New York sound, down with more cats than Felix  
Steal this? Yeah, some they may wanna  
You can't duplicate the great, I make it warmer  
Just like the Harlem world streets we all knew  
We coming up this time, we all flow, we all glow  
Each one's gotta shing, a better life  
That's what each one's gotta find  
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