

# Where You Been

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He was driving into Chicago in a borrowed El Camino  
On a hazeless day in springtime, I think it was the Cinco De Mayo  
Maybe it was St Paddy's or the Gay Pride parade  
But I've never seen nobody light up the street that way Brother where you been?  
Hold on if you can  
Just do your best then say, Amen Called in sick for the weekend, drinking St Paulies in Wisconsin  
I was fishing with my buddies, was a Sunday afternoon  
There beneath the halo of an Old Milwaukee sign  
He said, "There's big ones in the shallows, and I see 'em all the time" Brother where you been?  
Hold on if you can  
Just do your best then say, Amen I stopped in the Seven-Eleven, I was buying an Aquafina  
He was wearing knock-off sneakers. I was nursing a hangover  
He said, You're worth a whole lot more baby than you've ever dared to dream of  
Like he knew the secret sketchy places I'd been looking for love Sister where you been?  
Hold on if you can  
Just do your best then say, Amen A tall skinny guy in dread locks said that they're giving' out free bagels and lox  
I took the kids and all my plastic bags and walked the seven blocks  
There were joggers and commuters, skate board kids and Goths  
There were drunks and dogs and meter maids in that downtown vacant lot He said, The universe is unfolding,  
the center still is holding  
There's enough if we just share it, now y'all, don't forget to pass the basket"  
Blessed are the good hearted, the poets and the dreamers  
And all us crazy holy hungry ones who still believe in something better Brother, where you been?  
Hold on if you can  
Just do your best then say, Amen I saw Jesus talking shop, with Buddha at Starbucks  
I saw Gaea and Ganesh, doing double Dutch in the park  
Mohammad was throwing popcorn to the pigeons and the sparrows  
And all us crazy holy hungry ones still believe in something better Brother, where you been?  
Hold on if you can  
Just do your best then say, Amen Sister, where you been?  
Hold on if you can  
Just do your best then say, Amen Say "Amen"  
Say "Amen"

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