

You Got to Me

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To celebrate undying faith
We're gathered here like drifted wrecks
for a late September wedding
October breathing down our necks
And I knew this town in another time
I knew this town a younger man
With the world in my hip pocket
and a subway token in my hand... You got to me And they got candle light and a reggae band
Champagne by the bucket load
Limos lined up down the curb
to take us where we need to go
And I need to go somewhere I've been
to find the place I lost the trail
Way back then, so long ago
I don't suppose you even know you got to me
Brought all this empty down on top of me
You got to me We danced between the snowflakes falling
tripping on the cobblestones
and the trolley tracks, we had it all then
Christmas break, your roommates gone
We stoked the fire and let it burn
til the embers glowed in the morning light
Trust in the tangle of skin on skin
I've not known quite that feeling since you got to me Brought all this empty down on top of me
I didn't know that we were not to be
but I know a thing or two now
The wedding party's raging yet
how the old and desperate misbehave
The limo smells like cocaine sweat
cheap perfume and aftershave
It's gotta be one of these row house doors
I knew the number long ago
I'll step out on the curb
and tell the driver "just go on and go" And you got to me
Brought all this empty down on top of me
I didn't know now that we were not to be
but I know a thing or two now The paper boy wants a smoke
Leans his bike against a tree
And he's tired and cold and broke

and he don't know what to make of me
Standing here in my three piece suit
Standing here just like I am
With my vest unbuttoned and my necktie loose
Impervious to all abuse You got to me
Brought all this empty down on top of me
Off on a thousand dollar odyssey
and I know a thing or two now
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