

# Adios Hermanos

Paul Simon

It was the morning of October 6th, 1960  
I was wearing my brown suit  
Preparing to leave the house of D.  
Shook some hands then adios Brooklyn amigos  
Maybe some of them had hopes of seeing me again  
Some even said that my judge Judge Gerald Culkin  
Wouldn't play it by the book  
Maybe let us off the hook  
But wooo I knew better Salvador  
Afraid to leave the projects  
To cross into another neighborhood  
The blancos and the nigger gangs  
Well they'd kill us if they could Aurea & Women  
Angel of Mercy, people are suffering  
All over the world  
Spanish children are taught on their knees to believe  
Angel of Mercy, people are suffering  
All over the island tonight  
Mothers weep, sisters grieve Sal  
Well, I entered the courtroom, state of New York  
County of New York, just some spic  
They scrubbed off the sidewalk  
Guilty by my dress  
Guilty in the press  
Let the Capeman burn for the murders Salvador  
The 'Spanish boys' had their day in court room Sal  
And now it was time for some fuckin' law and order  
"The electric chair  
For the greasy pair?"  
Said the judge to the court reporter Salvador  
Afraid to leave the projects  
To cross into another neighborhood  
The newspapers and the TV crews  
Well they'd kill you if they could Aurea & Women  
Angel of Mercy, well people are suffering  
All over the world Sal  
A Spanish boy could be killed every night of the week  
But just let some white boy die  
And the world goes crazy for blood--latin blood

I don't lie when i speakSal & Salvador  
Well they shackled my hands  
A heavy belt around my waist to restrain meSal  
And they shackled my legs  
Hernandez, the "Umbrella Man" chained beside me  
Then we rode that black mariah trough the streets of Spanish HarlemSalvador  
Calling old friends on the corners  
Just to lay our prayers upon themCrying adios pisanos, adios  
Adios pisanos, adios

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