

## Jazz Musician

Bruce Springsteen

Well it's Saturday night in New Jersey  
And you're feeling kinda wet  
Now the summer heat is getting you worried  
So you try to look as innocent as you can as you sweat  
And you've got a woman on the other side of the law  
But it ain't cool to go see her yet  
Because her ex-old man's a city cop  
Who thinks he's auditioning for Dragnet  
So you stand on the corner looking kinda torn  
And in the Blue Light Lounge  
Where death was born  
The jazz musician blows his horn

You pop a letter to your baby in Richmond  
'Cause you're feeling pretty down  
She's kinda small but at least she's a rich one  
Oh, and she needs you real bad  
And sometimes that's all that counts  
You had a teenage band and flying hands  
And oh, you was pretty big, you were pretty big in the  
South  
But you passed out on stage and flew into a rage  
And someone tried to revive you  
mouth to mouth  
You felt a pain in your chest  
As you passed the crown  
And in the Blue Light Lounge  
The lights went down  
And the audience slipped silently out of town

Well now the atheist he burns you for laughing out loud  
Because he can't understand what you're saying  
And the word's out when they pushed him in the hole  
Everybody knows that he went out praying  
Oh, now the park is dark but the sidewalk's bright  
And alive with the light of the living  
Oh and mama can I walk you home tonight  
'Cause it's a big bad city  
And this boy's got a lot for the giving I'm stranded in the jungle  
First stage witness at a company killing  
I'm clutching my high school diploma, shuffling my feet  
Promised sixty bucks a week  
And guaranteed top billing  
Well you can live a life of love in New York  
Only if you don't, if you don't love living  
And I met this taxi driver who drives me around town  
Telling tales of his back seat women

And out on the corner there's no room to move  
'Cause everybody's trying so hard to groove  
And in the Blue Light Lounge  
The jazz musician plays his blues