Detroit '67

Sam Roberts

I went walking at street level Feeling strange and disheveled Past the abattoir and the glory holes Like a film noire in the starring role

To the side streets, kept my nose clean Tasted beautiful, tasted obscene Singing, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

This is Detroit, see the skyline A commotion on the assembly line Raise a glass to the ambassador As she's moving you to the dance floor

Does anyone here tonight Remember those times? Can anyone here tonight Just tell me what they felt like?

So many years, so many lives These are the streets where they collide From Jimmy Hoffa to Cadillac Some look ahead, I'm going back 'Cause I'm just looking for some sounds To ease the vice that squeezes us every day

This was Motown, this was New France Where the Chippewa did the fire dance That was long ago, this is here and now But the memory still remains somehow Singing, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

I can't tell you how this old story ends I can't touch you now, like they did back then Past the child's play with the jump rope Hear the gun play, it's a tightrope

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Does anyone here tonight Remember those times? Somebody call the riot police There's trouble down on 12th Street

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