New York Is a Woman

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New York City spread herself before you With her bangles and her spangles and her stars You were impressed with the city so undressed You had to go out cruising all the bars

Your business trip extended through the weekend Suburban boy here for your first time From the 27th floor above the midtown roar You were dazzled by her beauty and her crime

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Look down and see her ruined places Smoke and ash still rising to the sky She's happy that you're here but when you disappear She won't know that you're gone to say goodbye

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