Harlem Roulette

The Mountain Goats

Unknown engines underneath the city
Steam pushing up in billows through the grates
Frankie Lymon's tracking "Seabreeze" in a studio in Harlem
Its 1968.

Just a pair of tunes to hammer out. Everybody's off the clock by 10:00.

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Feels so free when I hit the avenue. Nothing like a New York summer night. Every dream's a good dream, Even awful dreams are good dreams, If you're doing it right.

Remember soaring higher than a cloud. Get pretty sentimental now and then.

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And four hours north of Portland, a radio flips on.

And some no one from the future remembers that you're gone.

Armies massing in the dusky distance. Ghosted in the ribbon microphone. Leave a little mark on something, maybe, Take the secret circuit home.

Nothing in the shadows but the shadow hands. Reaching out to sad, young, frightened men.

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Yeah, the loneliest people in the whole wide world are the ones you're never going to see again.