

16.16th Avenue < by Lacy J. Dalton

From the corners of the country

From the cities and the farms

With years and years of living

Tucked up underneath their arms

They walk away from everything

Just to see a dream come true

So God bless the boys

Who make the noise

On 16.16th Avenue

With a million dollar spirit

And an old flattop guitar

They drive to town

with all they own

In a 100 hundred dollar car

'Cause 1 one time " someone told them

> About a friend of a

friend they knew

" Who owns, you know, a studio

> On 16.16th Avenue

Now some were born to money

They've never had to say Survive

+ And 2 others swing a 9 pound hammer

Just to stay alive

There's cowboys drunks + and Christians

Mostly white + and black + and blue

They've all dialed the phone

collect to home From 16.16th Avenue

☺ Ah, + but | then 1 one D night □ in \ some U empty □ room

” _ Where - no |/\|#^x \ ⊙ ever □ ↓' hung

|| = Like \ a ^ ⊙ miracle \ ^ some ⊙ [○] golden ⊙ ^x words

↻' Rolled |▷ off of ” ⊥ _ someone's _ ⊙ ^ tongue

+ And | after ⊙ ^x years > of = ^ being ⊙ nothing

⊥ ^x = They're |X| all ⊙ → ^ looking → . ^ right > . at | you

+ And | ⊙ ^ for \ a | ⊙ | while

⊥ ^x they'll ⊗ → ^ go □ in # ^ ⊥ ⊙ + ! style

> . On 16.16th /i \ Avenue

| It ⊙ ' looked x so - ^ ^ uneventful

x So - ⊙ ^ quiet + and ||| ^ discreet

+ But \ a xx lot > of (⊥)^x) were ⊙ ' changed

↓ Down > . / that I little 1 one ⊙ way /i \ street

” ▷ 'Cause ⊥ ^x they ⊥ ^ walk !... > away |▷ from |X| □ everything

|1| Just >> to eye^ see \ a ^ [eye] dream → = come ^ + !! true

▷ So eye Δ God !: eye : ^ bless / the Iλ^ boys

” ⊥ who Δ ^ make / the :) noise

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