

All blues
music by Miles Davis
words by Mike Barrett

teenage
dreamtime
hard guy
blue line
asphalt
concrete
alley
retreat

westside
northside
southside
trainride
never
got beat
you think
you're street
are you ready? asks the city? are you steady?

the el
a door
to evv
ree shore

*what you see is
more movie than news
the soundtrack is
Chicago blues*

think you're
ready
think you're
steady
junkie
third rail
jump down

exhale

reach out
revolt
he's nothing
but volts
you failed
you tried
you lived
he died
*is this the truth
you want to see?*

the shakes
the smoke
inside
you're broke
*and now you wait
for the rescue crew
stare at his body
through eyes all blue*

the risk
the chills
the threats
the thrills
romance
no pity
the real
city

sixteen
unabashed
a bar
on Wabash
you spun
you danced
skipped out
on chance

jukebox
playing
all night
swaying

you can
ring my bell
bell bell
ring my bell
you felt you could write your stories there

it helps
you think
mystery
and drinks
beyond entranced
in a pthalo hue
the old style sign
lit up in blue

beauty
despair
shattered glass
cop's stare
summer heat
neon dark
potholes
rumble parks

street crime
busted locks

heads up
wrong block
hustlers hustle
poets rhyme
don't cross
redlines
it's not yours you belong to it

what good
is home
if you
can't roam

*you remember
from your soul's view
the sky and lake
colored all blue*

wind waves
notes fly
43rd
Buddy Guy's
release
attack
Von Free
Man's sax

listen
to him
Sunny
Land Slim
Feel the
frission
Willie
Dixon
Have your
Day healed
Curtis
Mayfield

all kinds
of sounds
my kind
of town