

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  
43<sup>rd</sup>  
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