

When You're Home

Nina - I used to think we lived at the top of the world

When the world was just a subway street map

And the 1 slash 9 climbed a dotted line to my place

Benny - There's no 9 train now

Nina -

Right

I used to think the Bronx was a place in the sky

When the world was just a subway map

And my thoughts took shape

On that fire escape

Can you remind me of what it was like

At the top of the world?

Benny - Come with me

We begin July with a stop at my corner fire hydrant

Nina - You would open it every summer

Benny - I would bust it with a wrench till my face got drenched

Till I heard the sirens

Then I ran real fast

Nina - You ran real fast

Benny - Yeah, I remember well

Nina - I remember well

Benny - To your father's dispatch window,

"Hey, let me in, yo

They're coming to get me!"

Nina -You were always in constant trouble-

Benny - Then your dad would act all snide

But he let me hide

You'd be there inside

Nina - Life was easier then

Benny - Nina, everything is easier when you're home

The street's a little kinder

When you're home

Can't you see

That the day seems clearer

Now that you are here or is it me

Maybe it's just me

We gotta go I gotta show you all I know

The sun is setting and the light is getting low

Nina - Are we going to Castle Garden?

Benny - Maybe, maybe not, but way to take a shot, when the day is hot

I got a perfect shady spot a little ways away that oughta cool us down

Nina - Cool us down-

Welcome back to town

Nina - Now, back in high school when it darkened

You'd hang out in Bennett Park

Benny - And Usnavi would bring his radio...

As I walked home from Senior Studies

I'd see you rapping with your buddies

Nina - With the volume high

I walked on by

Benny -You walked on by-

Dance Lesson - No pare, sigue sigue!

Benny - When you're home

Oh, the summer night are cooler

When you're home

Nina - Now that you're here with me

Benny - And that song you're hearing is the neighborhood just cheering you along

Nina - Don't say that

Benny - What's wrong?

Nina - Don't say that!

Nina - When I was younger I'd imagine what would happen if my parents had stayed in Puerto Rico

Who would I be if I had never seen Manhattan

If I lived in Puerto Rico with the people?

My people...

I feel like all my life I've tried to find the answer

Working harder, learning Spanish, learning all I can

I thought I might find the answer out at Stanford

But I'd stare out at the sea

Thinking, Where am I supposed to be?

So please don't say you're proud of me, when I've lost my way

Benny - Then can I say:

I couldn't get my mind off you all day

Now listen to me

That may be how you perceive it

But Nina please believe that when you find your way again

You're gonna change the world and then

We're all gonna brag and say

We knew her when

This was your home

Nina - I'm home-

Welcome home-

When you're here with me-

Benny - Welcome home-

Nina - I used to think we lived at the top of the world

Benny - Welcome home-

You're finally home-

Nina - I'm home

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