

People Who Died

by Jim Carroll

<fast twelve-bar blues>

Teddy sniffing glue, he was twelve years old
Fell from the roof on east two nine
Cathy was eleven when she pulled the plug
On twenty six reds and a bottle of wine
Bobby got leukemia, fourteen years old
He looked like sixty five when he died, he was a friend of mine

Refrain:

Those are people who died, died
They were all my friends and they died

G-berg and Georgie let their gimmicks go rotten
So they died of hepatitis in Upper Manhattan
Sly in Vietnam took a bullet in the head
Bobby OD'd on drano on the night that he was wed
They were two more friends of mine
[1st time] Two more friends that died
[2nd time] I miss 'em - they died

[REFRAIN]

Mary took a dry dive from a hotel room
Bobby hung himself from his cell in the Tombs
Judy jumped in front of a subway train
Eddie got slit in the jugular vein
And Eddie, I miss you more than all of the others
[1st time] And I salute you, brother
[2nd time] This song is for you my brother

[REFRAIN]

Herbie pushed Tony from the Boy's Club roof
Tony thought that his rage was just some goof
But Herbie sure gave Tony some, some bitchin proof
"Hey," Herbie said, "Tony, can you fly?"
But Tony couldn't fly: Tony died

[REFRAIN]

Brian got busted on a narco rap
He beat the rap by rattin on some bikers
He said, "Hey, I know it's dangerous
But it sure beats Rikers."
But the next day he got offed by the very same bikers

[REFRAIN]

<repeat first three verses and refrains>