

# Adios Hermanos

Paul Simon

[SAL]

It was the morning of October 6th, 1960  
I was wearing my brown suit  
Preparing to leave the house of D.  
Shook some hands then adios Brooklyn amigos  
Maybe some of them had hopes of seeing me again  
Some even said that my judge-  
Judge Gerald Culkin-  
Wouldn't play it by the book  
Maybe let us off the hook  
Rut, WOH-OO-WOH, I knew better.

[SAL & SALVADOR]

Afraid to leave the projects  
To cross into another neighborhood

[SAL]

The blancos and the nigger gangs  
Well, they'd kill you if they could.

[AUREA & WOMEN]

Angel of Mercy, people are suffering  
All over the world

Spanish children are taught on their knees  
to believe  
Angel of Mercy, people are suffering  
All over the island tonight,  
Mothers weep

[SAL & AUREA]

Sisters grieve.

[SAL]

Well, I entered the courtroom, state of New York  
County of New York, Just some spic  
They scrubbed off the sidewalk  
Guilty by my dress  
Guilty in the press  
Let The Capeman burn for the murder  
Well the "Spanish boys" had their day in court  
And now it was time for some fuckin' law and order  
The electric chair  
For the greasy pair  
Said the judge to the court reporter

[SAL & SALVADOR]

Afraid to leave the projects  
To cross into another neighborhood

[SALVADOR]

The newspapers and the T.V. crews  
Well, they'd kill you if they could

[AUREA & WOMEN]

Angel of Mercy, people are suffering  
All over the world

A Spanish boy could be killed every night of  
the week

[SAL]

But just let some white boy die  
And the world goes crazy for blood-Latin blood.  
I don't lie when I speak.

[SAL & SALVADOR]

Well they shackled my hands

[SAL]

A heavy belt around my waist to restrain me

[SAL & SALVADOR]

And they shackled my legs

[SAL]

Hernandez, the "Umbrella Man," chained beside me  
Then we rode that Black Maria  
Through the streets of Spanish Harlem  
Calling old friends on the corners

[SAL & AUREA]

Just to lay our prayers upon them

[SAL]

Crying  
Adios Hermanos. Adios

[SAL & SALVADOR]

Adios Hermanos, Adios