

UNDER THE BRIDGE

Red Hot Chili Peppers

Sometimes I feel
Like I don't have a partner
Sometimes I feel
Like my only friend
Is the city I live in
The city of angels
Lonely as I am
Together we cry

It's hard to believe
That there's nobody out there
It's hard to believe
That I'm all alone
At least I have her love
The city she loves me
Lonely as I am
Together we cry

I drive on her streets
'Cause she's my companion
I walk through her hills
'Cause she knows who I am
She sees my good deeds
And she kisses me windy
I never worry
Now that is a lie

I don't ever want to feel
Like I did that day
Take me to the place I love
Take me all that way

Under the bridge downtown
Is where I drew some blood
Under the bridge downtown
I could not get enough
Under the bridge downtown
Forgot about my love
Under the bridge downtown
I gave my life away

I don't ever want to feel
Like I did that day
Take me to the place I love
Take me all the way

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Discussion

1. What is the mood of the person in the song? What lines in the song support your view?
2. In the first verse we find the line "Like my only friend..." How can a city be someone's friend, and how can a city love somebody?
3. Consider the second verse. Why do you think the city only sees his good deeds?
4. Consider the third verse. How can he be "all alone" in a huge city like L.A.? Why would L.A. cry, and why with the person in the song?
5. Consider the last verse. How would you interpret what took place under the bridge, and how does this affect the tone of the song?
6. Is this a love song?
7. What is this song really about? Is it possible to tell?
8. This is considered a beautiful song. Do you think it can stand alone as a poem?
9. Does a good song have to have good lyrics?
10. What images do you see in your mind when you read and/or listen to this song?