

i live in music

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is this where you live?

i live here in music

i live on c# street

my friend lives on b-flat avenue

do you live here in music

sound

falls round me like rain on other folks

saxophones wet my face

cold as winter in st. louis

hot like peppers i rub on my lips

thinkin they waz lilies

i got 15 trumpets where other women got hips

& a upright bass for both sides of my heart

i walk round in a piano like somebody

else be walkin on the earth

i live in music

live in it

wash in it

i cd even smell it

wear sound on my fingers

sound falls so fulla music

ya cd make a river where yr arm is &

hold yrself

hold yrself in a music