

# Transfer Manhattan, Birdland

5,000 light years from Birdland  
But I'm still preachin' the rhythm  
Long-gone, uptight years from Birdland  
An' I'm still teachin' it with 'em

Years from the land of the Bird  
An' I am still feelin' the spirit  
5,000 light years from Birdland  
But I know people can hear it

Bird named it, Bird made it, Bird heard it, then played it  
Well-stated! Birdland--  
it happened down in Birdland

Oh!

In the middle of that hub  
I remember one jazz club  
Where we went to pat feet  
Down on fifty-secon' street

Everybody heard that word  
That they named it after Bird

Where the rhythm swooped and swirled  
The jazz corner of the world

An' the cats they gigged in there  
Were beyond compare

Birdland - I'm singin' Birdland  
Birdland - Ol' swingin' Birdland

Hey, man, the music really turns you on!  
Y' turn me on,  
Really, y' turn me aroun'  
'N turn me on

Down them stairs, lose them cares - where?  
Down in Birdland  
Total swing, bop was king - there  
Down in Birdland  
Bird would cook, Max would look - where?  
Down in Birdland  
Miles came through, 'Trane came too - there  
Down in Birdland  
Basie blew, Blakey too - where?  
Down in Birdland  
Cannonball played that hall - there  
Down in Birdland  
Yeah---

There may never be nothin' such as that  
No Mo' - No Mo'  
Down in Birdland, that's where it was at  
I know - I know  
Back in them days bop was ridin' high  
Hello! 'n goodbye!

How well those cats remember  
Their first Birdland gig  
To play in Birdland is an honor we still dig  
Yeah---that club was like--  
In another world, sure enough--

Yeah, baby  
All o' the cats had the cookin' on  
People just sat an' they was steady lookin' on  
Then Bird--he came 'n spread the word--  
Birdland

Yes, indeed, he did  
Yes, indeed, he did  
Yes, indeed, he did  
Yes, he did, Parker played at Birdland  
Yes, he really did  
Yes, indeed, he really did  
Yes, he really did  
Told the truth down in Birdland  
Yes, indeed he did, Yardbird Parker played in  
Birdland

Yes, indeed, he really did  
Charlie Parker played in Birdland

Bird named it, Bird made it, Bird heard it,  
Then played it  
Well-stated! Birdland  
It happened down in Birdland

Everybody dug that beat  
Everybody stomped their feet  
Everybody digs be-bop  
An' they'll never stop

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Background Solo:  
Come in pairs down them stairs, lose y' cares  
Them that dares gits it!

Pay the gate, don't be late  
It's a date! - whattay' know  
If y' dig, then you'll dig, it's a groove  
Quite a groove, 'cause y' t' move  
Come in twos, pay your dues

What can you lose?  
Just your blues!  
So lose them!

The band swingin' one and all and what a ball!  
Yeah!

Music is good, music is better than good  
Pretty good  
Very nice  
Really very good - things are bein' like they should  
Very good -- very good -- very good

All y' gotta do is lend an ear  
An' listen to it  
Then y' dig a little sooner than soon  
You'll be diggin' everything diggin' all the music

What a ball!

How y' gonna figure out  
A way t' bring it all about amid a  
Lot o' other music on the set'n on  
The scene know what I mean?  
How y' gonna separate the music from the scene  
'Gonna have t' keep the memory clean  
Y' gonna hear a lotta' sound -- a lotta soun'