Tweeter and the Monkey Man were hard up for cash They stayed up all night selling cocaine and hash To an undercover cop who had a sister named Jan For reasons unexplained, she loved the Monkey Man / Am G / F Am / :

Tweeter was a boy scout before she went to Vietnam And found out the hard way nobody gives a damn They knew that they found freedom just across the Jersey Line So they hopped into a stolen car, took Highway 99

And the walls came down, all the way to hell Never saw them when they're standing, never saw them when they fell / Am Em7 / D Am /

The undercover cop never liked the Monkey Man Even back in childhood he wanted to see him in the can Jan got married at fourteen to a racketeer named Bill She made secret calls to the Monkey Man from a mansion on the hill

It was out on Thunder Road, Tweeter at the wheel They crashed into paradise, they could hear them tires squeal The undercover cop pulled up and said "Everyone of you's a liar If you don't surrender now, it's gonna go down to the wire ...

An ambulance rolled up, a state trooper close behind Tweeter took his gun away and messed up his mind The undercover cop was left tied up to a tree Near the souvenir stand by the old abandoned factory Next day the undercover cop was hot in pursuit He was taking the whole thing personal, he didn't care about the loot Jan had told him many times it was you to me who taught In Jersey anything's legal as long as you don't get caught ...

Someplace by Rahway Prison they ran out of gas The undercover cop had cornered them said "Boy, you didn't think that this could last" Jan jumped out of the bed, said "There's someplace I gotta go" She took a gun out of the drawer and said "It's best if you don't know"

The undercover cop was found face down in a field The monkey man was on the river bridge using Tweeter as a shield Jan said to the Monkey Man, "I'm not fooled by Tweeter's curl I knew him long before he ever became a Jersey girl" ....

Now the town of Jersey City is quieting down again I'm sitting in a gambling club called the Lion's Den The TV set been blown up, every bit of it is gone Ever since the nightly news show that the Monkey Man was on

I guess I'll go to Florida and get myself some sun There ain't no more opportunity here, everything's been done Sometime I think of Tweeter, sometime I think of Jan Sometime I don't think about nothing but the Monkey Man ... ...

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