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## Street Opera

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Jenny Gardner

*street opera*

crash helmeted kids playin  
in the street  
cruisin in the cadillac  
be bopping to the beat  
feel the summer heat  
on your neck

uniformed officers with plastiscine faces  
didn't know joey with untied  
laces

it can happen very fast  
no one knows  
how long it will last  
in the end it is always the same  
yet you can not let someone go  
without feeling the pain

crushed bike in the gutter  
as the shoppers drive by  
one be bopper to many  
has sent a child to the sky