

## Caetano Veloso (b. 1942) – “London London” (1972)

*Caetano Veloso's leftist political stance earned him the enmity of Brazil's military dictatorship which ruled from 1964 until 1985. His songs were frequently censored and some of them were banned. Veloso and Gilberto Gil were arrested in February 1969 and held in prison for three months, followed by four more months under house arrest. They were eventually released on the condition that they leave the country. They spent the next few years in London. Caetano returned to Brazil in 1972.*

I'm wandering round and round, nowhere to go  
I'm lonely in London, London is lovely so  
I cross the streets without fear  
Everybody keeps the way clear  
I know, I know no one here to say hello

I know they keep the way clear  
I am lonely in London without fear  
I'm wandering round and round here, nowhere to go

While my eyes go looking for flying saucers in the sky  
While my eyes go looking for flying saucers in the sky

Oh Sunday, Monday, autumn pass by me  
And people hurry on so peacefully  
A group approaches a policeman  
He seems so pleased to please them  
It's good at least, to live and I agree

He seems so pleased, at least  
And it's so good to live in peace  
And Sunday, Monday, years, and I agree

While my eyes go looking for flying saucers in the sky  
While my eyes go looking for flying saucers in the sky

I choose no face to look at, choose no way  
I just happened to be here, and it's OK  
Green grass, blue eyes, grey sky  
God bless silent pain and happiness  
I came around to say yes, and I say

Green grass, blue eyes, grey sky  
God bless silent pain and happiness  
I came around to say yes, and I say

But my eyes go looking for flying saucers in the sky.  
Yes, my eyes go looking for flying saucers in the sky.  
etc.

1972 performance:

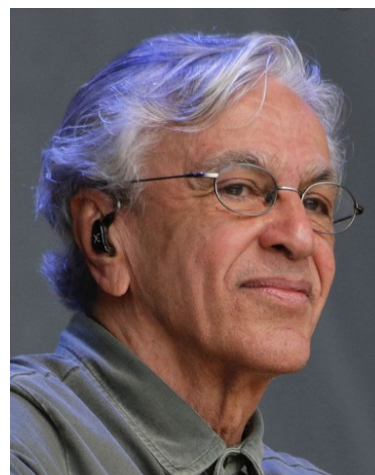
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVtV45TXhqc>

2012 performance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1k0bQAVlbKw>



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