She sets her alarm, five minutes to midnight And wakes just in time to greet the new year Remembers the kisses, remembers the laughter And all that's gone away She shuffles around, turns on the lights Goes to the kitchen, gets some champagne She opens the window and wrapped in a blanket Begins to count and wait

Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five Four, three, two, one

Happy new year Happy new year

And they say you can hear it over the island
Starting in Times Square and spreading throughout
A roar like the ocean, it comes from a distance
Grows louder then turns quiet
She sits in a dream or in a memory
While old conversations play in her ears
And sometimes the minutes feel longer than hours
Some days feel long as years

She's just glad she gets to be around To see another spring come to this town

Happy new year to you

She sets her alarm five minutes to midnight And wakes just in time to say her goodbyes Thanking the old year for all it has brought her No mention of the things it took away

She's just glad she gets to be around To see another spring come to this town

Happy new year, happy new year Happy new year, happy new year Happy new year, happy new year To you

Happy new year