

Like Castanets

Bishop Allen

This city is silver in the moon
And mountains heaped with sugar spoons
The click and clatter of my feet
On lonely crooked cobbled streets
Like castanets

Down past the window shutter tie
The hollow of a haunted night
It's raining now out on the beach
The chit and chatter of my teeth
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I'm following the coffee trail
And drink it black and by the bail
The pesos turn to paper cups
My fingers tremble at the touch
Like castanets

Across The Mapocho
Santa Lucia
Barrio Bella vista
San Cristobal
Across The Mapocho
La Moneda
La Casa Neruda

And on the cable car I climb
Up to the sacred virgin shrine
This city's smothered in the smog
The snippy snap of wild dogs
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Tomorrow is Assumption Day
I ask them what they celebrate
Daniela, he says he can't explain
But he'll be clappin' anyway
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Ohh...Like Castanets