## Mirth

## Maya Hawke

Twistin' around on blue leather booth
My ears still popping from travel and use
I picked at my oatmeal and plumped up my lips
He gives his hand a suggestion, wish
It's not you, it's New York I miss

I've got a problem I think he could fix
He seems to undo all my usual tricks
But the marks on his belly, the lines I trace
Shadow softness and romantic grace
It's not you, it's New York I face

I dreamt of him on a JetBlue flight
Nursing me into a feverish night
Lay on my back, whisperin' his name
Letting him unravel a decade of blame
It's not you, it's New York I claim

Well, in a thunder breath, I coughed up my heart
My life in my hands, a good place to start
Little creature born of joy and mirth
Loving without the help of anything
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On earth
It's not you, it's New York that works