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THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

Amsterdam Houses, Rise!

VERSE 1

Back in Nineteen Forty-One
Round the hill they called 'San Juan'
The Authority and League
Held a 'Farewell To The Slums'

And soon, the 'good' war won,
Homeward bound, a nation's pride
And a great change would follow
As the Houses, they did rise

CHORUS

**Amsterdam Houses, now
Amsterdam Houses, then
Show me what you've become
I'll tell you where you've been**

**In a time when all could find
A common sense of place
And reach across a separate past
To live their glory days**

VERSE 2

They think everything has changed
 But who are they to say?
The vets were first to break new ground
 But kids found their own way

When they'd venture outside
 To join their favorite game
It didn't count where they were from
 Or what's behind their name

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Long before the console
 And the 50" flat screen
We would find a world
 In the bounce of a Spaldeen

And if you didn't have one
 We'd share a bit of lore
For turning glass to rubber
 Down at the Walker Store

CHORUS

VERSE 5

And though the streets could challenge
 As the child grew into man
Some among would give their all
 To show them how to stand

So many would watch over
 As they lived days to the fill
You see, my friends, there really is
 'A City on The Hill'

CHORUS