

The Puerto Rican Day Parade (also known as the National Puerto Rican Day Parade) takes place annually in the United States, along Fifth Avenue in the Manhattan borough of New York City, New York. The parade is held on the second Sunday in June, in honor of the nearly four million inhabitants of Puerto Rico and all people of Puerto Rican birth or heritage residing in the mainland U.S.

"I had booked my usual suite at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue. My daughters Marjorie and Elyn were staying with me along with my parents. One afternoon there was a large and tuneful Puerto Rican Day parade just a few floors below our window. I remember we had been drawing and coloring pictures together and going back and forth to see the parade. Suddenly, Marjorie, momentarily distracted from her art-work, said 'What a beautiful noise, Dad.'

The phrase struck me immediately as a possible song title for a new album I was starting with Robbie Robertson about my experiences as a young writer in Tin Pan Alley. I said to the kids, 'Hey, that could be a song, let's write it after dinner when Grandma and Grandpa get here.' That evening we sat down with a small cassette recorder and my ever-present guitar and put the sounds of a city and the dreams of a songwriter into that one song.

When I returned home to California I played the song to Robbie and he caught on immediately. It was the first song written for the Beautiful Noise album and really put us on the right track for the story we wanted to tell."

"We met at Woodstock about five years ago and struck up a friendship. Then we started seeing each other again out in California. We talked about six months about doing the album, decided on a Tin Pan Alley story. It was beautiful working with him. My first real collaboration." - Robbie Robertson (The Band) - ND

BEAUTIFUL NOISE (Home Demo Intro)

"Daddy said "Let's do 1 - A of
"Beautiful Noise"
This is the key of D
And the singers are
The lead singer is Daddy Diamond (laughter)
And the two background singers, the groupies
Are Marjorie and Ellie Diamond.
And moral support is Rosie and Akeeba "Kieve"
No, Neil Diamond!
Ok, here we go...

BEAUTIFUL NOISE
NEIL DIAMOND

What a beautiful noise
Comin' up from the street
It's got a beautiful sound
It's got a beautiful beat

It's a beautiful noise
Goin' on ev'rywhere
Like the clickety-clack
Of a train on a track
It's got rhythm to spare

It's a beautiful noise
And it's a sound that I love
And it fits me as well
As a hand in a glove
Yes, it does, yes it does

What a beautiful noise
Comin' up from the park
It's the song of the kids
And it plays until dark

It's the song of the cars
On their furious flights
But there's even romance
In the way that they dance
To the beat of the lights

It's a beautiful noise
And it's a sound that I love
And it makes me feel good
Like a hand in a glove
Yes, it does, yes it does
What a beautiful noise

It's a beautiful noise
Made of joy and of strife
Like a symphony played
By the passing parade
It's the music of life

It's a beautiful noise
And it's a sound that I love
And it makes me feel good
Just like a hand in a glove
Yes, it does, yes it does
What a beautiful noise

Comin' into my room
And it's beggin' for me
Just to give it a tune

Neil Diamond 1976
Album: Beautiful Noise