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USNAVI - Lights up on Washington Heights, up at the break of day I wake up and I got this little punk I gotta chase away
Pop the grate at the crack of dawn, sing while I wipe down the awning Hey ya'll good morning. I am Usnavi and you
prob'ly never heard my name reports of my fame are greatly exaggerated Exacerbated by the fact that my syntax is
highly complicated cuz I emigrated from the single greatest little place in the Caribbean Dominican Republic I love it,
Jesus, I'm jealous of it

COMMUNITY In the heights I flip my lights and start my day There are fights (Girls) And endless debts (Boys) And bills to
pay In the heights I can't survive without café USNAVI I serve café COMMUNITY Cuz tonight seems like a million years
away! En Washington-

USNAVI Yeah, I'm a streetlight Choking on the heat The world spins around While I'm frozen to my seat The people that I
know All keep rolling down the street But every day is different So I'm switchin up the beat Cuz my parents came with
nothing They got a little more And sure, we're poor, but yo, At least we got the store And it's all about the legacy They
left with me, it's destiny And one day I'll be on a beach With Sonny writing checks to me

COMMUNITY In the heights I hang my flag up on display

USNAVI We came to work and to live and we got a lot in common

COMMUNITY It reminds me that I came from miles away

USNAVI DR, PR, we are not stoppin

COMMUNITY In the heights

ABUELA CLAUDIA Every day, paciencia y fe

USNAVI Until the day we go from poverty to stock options

COMMUNITY In the heights I've got today

USNAVI And today's all we got so we cannot stop This is our block

COMMUNITY In the heights I hang my flag up on display

PIRAGUA GUY Lo le lo le lo lai lai lo le

COMMUNITY It reminds that I came from miles away

USNAVI/PIRAGUA GUY/OTHERS My family came from miles away

COMMUNITY In the heights It gets more expensive every day And tonight is so far away-

USNAVI But as for manana, mi pana Ya gotta keep watchin You'll see the late night You'll taste beans and rice The syrups
and shaved ice, I ain't gotta say it twice So turn up the stage lights We're takin a flight To a couple days In the life of
what it's like ALL En Washington Heights!

BREATHE

PIRAGUA GUY Sigue andando el camino por toda su vida Respira NINA Breathe COMMUNITY Y si pierdes mis huellas
que dios te bendiga Respira

NINA This is my street I smile at the faces I've known all my life They regard me with pride And everyone's sweet
They say, "You're going places!" So how can I say that while I was away, I had so much to hide! Hey guys, it's me!
The biggest disappointment you know The kid couldn't hack it, she's back and she's walkin real slow Welcome home Just
breathe

COMMUNITY Sigue andando el camino por toda su vida. Respira NINA Just breathe COMMUNITY Y si pierdes mis huellas
que dios te bendiga. Respira

NINA As the radio plays old forgotten boleros I think of the days when this city was mine I remember the praise Ay, te
adoro, te quiero The neighborhood waved, and said Nina, be brave, and you're gonna be fine And maybe it's me, But it
all seems like lifetimes ago. So what do I say to these faces that I used to know? "Hey, I'm home?"

LADY Mira, Nina NINA Hey LADY/COMMUNITY No me preocupo por ella NINA They're not worried about me

COMMUNITY Mira, alli esta nuestra estrella

NINA They are all counting on me to succeed I am the one who made it out The one who always made the grade But
maybe I should've just stayed home... When I was a child I stayed wide awake, climbed to the highest place, on every
fire escape, restless to climb

COMMUNITY (underneath Nina (above)) Ella si da la talla COMMUNITY Repira

NINA I got every scholarship Saved every dollar The first to go to college How do I tell them why I'm coming back home With my eyes on the horizon Just me and the GWB, Asking 'Gee Nina, what'll you be?' Straighten the spine Smile for the neighbors Everything's fine Everything's cool The standard reply "Lots of tests, lots of papers" Smile, wave goodbye And pray to the sky, Oh, God And what will my parents say?

COMMUNITY Nina NINA Can I go in there and say COMMUNITY Nina NINA "I know that I'm letting you down..."
ABUELA CLAUDIA Nina NINA Just breathe...

IT WONT BE LONG NOW

VANESSA The elevated train by my window doesn't faze me anymore The rattling screams don't disrupt my dreams It's a lullaby, in its And one day, I'm hoppin that elevated train and I'm ridin away It won't be long now The boys around the way Holler at me when I'm walkin down the street Their machismo pride doesn't break my stride- It's a compliment, so they say They boys around the way Holler at me every day but I don't mind, oh no If I'm in the mood, it will not be with some dude Who is whistling cuz he has nothing to say Or who's honking at me from his Chevrolet And one day, I'm hoppin in a limousine and I'm ridin away It won't be long now Ay ,Usnavi, help SOS!

USNAVI Good morning, Vanessa! If it isn't the loveliest girl in the place

VANESSA You've got some schmutz on your face SONNY Good morning! SONNY/USNAVI Good morning!

USNAVI Vanessa... SONNY Vanessa... USNAVI/SONNY Vanessa... DANIELA (Screaming from the salon) VANESSAAA! I'm thirsty, cono! VANESSA Can I get a Pepsi and some packing tape? SONNY Uh, my cousin over there with his tongue hanging out, has been meaning to ask you... VANESSA Yes? SONNY What would a lady such as yourself might be doing tonight? VANESSA Does your cousin dance? SONNY Like a drunk Chita Rivera VANESSA Okay...after Nina's dinner, we can hit a few clubs and check out the fireworks...

USNAVI Oh snap! Who's that? Don't touch me, I'm too hot! Yes! Que paso? Here I go! So dope! Y tu lo sabes! No pare SONNY/USNAVI Sigue sigue! USNAVI Did you see me? SONNY/USNAVI Freaky Freakit!

USNAVI What a way to begin the weekend Sonny, anything you want is free, man! And my dearly beloved Dominican Republic I haven't forgotten SONNY /USNAVI You!

USNAVI Gonna see this honey Make a little money An one day I'll hop Jet SONNY/USNAVI Blue!

USNAVI But until that fateful day I'm grateful I got a destination I'm runnin to make it home And home's what Vanessa's runnin away from! I'm running to make it home And home's what Vanessa's runnin away from...

VANESSA The neighborhood salon is the place I am working for the moment As I cut their hair, ladies talk and share- Every day, who's doing who and why The neighborhood salon doesn't pay me what I wanna be making but I don't mind As I sweep the curb I can hear those turbo engines blazing a trail through the sky I look up and think about the years gone by But one day I'm walking to JFK and I'm gonna fly! It won't be long now Any day

BLACKOUT

NEIGHBORS: We are powerless! We are powerless! We are powerless! We are powerless! Powerless!

CARLA: We are powerless! SONNY: We are powerless! Powerless!

COMMUNITY: Look at the fireworks... SONNY: We are powerless! Powerless!

COMMUNITY: Look at the fireworks...

USNAVI: Abuela, are you alright?

COMMUNITY: Light up the night sky... ABUELA CLAUDIA: The stars are out tonight!

COMMUNITY: Look at the fireworks... USNAVI: You're not alone tonight.

COMMUNITY: Light up the night sky...

USNAVI/ABUELA CLAUDIA: You're/I'm not alone tonight.

ABUELA CLAUDIA: Usnavi, please promise me You'll guard this with your life.

USNAVI: Abuela, I've never seen---

USNAVI/ABUELA CLAUDIA: This much money in my life!

BENNY: Nina, there you are!

NINA: I've gotta go.

BENNY:I'll get you out of here tonight. NINA: I don't need anything tonight! I can find my way home--

BENNY:Then find your way home! NINA:Without you--

NINA/BENNY: Without you...

COMMUNITY: Look at the fireworks... Look at the fireworks... Look at the fireworks... Look at the fireworks... Light up the night sky... Light up the night sky... En Washington-- Look at the fireworks... Look at the fireworks...Light up the night sky... Light up the night sky...in Washington Heights

EVERYTHING I KNOW

NINA In this album, there's a picture Of the ladies at Daniela's You can tell it's from the 80s by the volume of their hair There's Usnavi, just a baby '87, Halloween If it happened on this block Abuela was there Every afternoon I came She'd make sure I did my homework She could barely write her name But even so She would stare at the paper and tell me, "Bueno, Let's review. Why don't you tell me everything you know?" In this album there's a picture Of Abuela in Havana She is holding a rag doll Unsmiling, black and white I wonder what she's thinking Does she know that she'll be leaving For the city on a cold dark night? And on the day they ran Did she dream of endless summer? Did her mother have a plan? Or did they just go? Did somebody sit her down and say, "Claudia, get ready, To leave behind everything you know." Everything I know What do I know?

In this folder there's a picture Of my high school graduation With a program, mint condition And a star beside my name Here's a picture of my parents As I left for California She saved everything we gave her Every little scrap of paper And our lives are in these boxes While the woman who held us is gone But we go on, we grow So Hold tight, Abuela, if you're up there I'll make you proud of everything I know Thank you, for everything I know

96,000

USNAVI: 96,000... SONNY/BENNY: Damn... USNAVI: 96,000... SONNY: Dollers? Holla. USNAVI: 96,000...

BENNY: Yo, somebody won! USNAVI: 96,000...

BENNY: Yo... If I won the lotto tomorrow well I know I wouldn't bother going on no spending spree I'd pick a business school and pay the entrance fee Then maybe, if you're lucky, you'll stay friends with me. I'll be a business man, richer than Nina's daddy, Donald Trump and I on the links, and he's my caddy My money's making money, I'm going from po' to moto Keep the bling, I want the brass ring like frodo!

USNAVI: Oh no, there goes mr. Braggadocio Next thing you know, you're lying like pinnochio

BENNY: I'll have enough to knock your ass of its axis!

USNAVI: You'll have a knapsack full of jack after taxes!

BENNY: for real, though, imagine how it must feel going real slow down the highway of life with no regrets and no breaking your neck for respect or a paycheck for real, though, I'll take a break from the wheel and we'll throw the biggest block party, everybody here It's a weekend when we can breathe, take it easy

NEIGHBORS: Yo! ma, it's me, check my tickets!

CARLA: Check one two three what would you do with 96 gs? DANIELA: who, me?

CARLA: I mean, if it's just between you and me- DANIELA: esa pregunta es tricky!

CARLA: I know! DANIELA: with 96 g, I'd start my life with a brand new lease atlantic city with a malibu breeze

CARLA: and a brand new weave- DANIELA: or maybe just bleach... VANESSA: Y'all are freaks You are so cute!

SONNY: I was just thinking off the top of my head. USNAVI: 96k. go.

Vanessa: If I win the lottery you'll never see me again. Usnavi: Damn, we only jokin Stay broke, then!

Vanessa: I'll be downtown get a nice studio get out of the barrio

Usnavi, Vanessa, Benny together (Benny 2X Usnavi 2X)

Benny: For real, though. Imagine how it would feel goin' real slow down the highway of life with no regrets and no breakin' your neck for respect or a paycheck -

Vanessa: If I win the lottery You'll wonder where I've been I'll be downtown, see you around If I win the lottery, you won't see a lot of me!

Usnavi: It's silly when we get into these crazy hypotheticals, you really want some bread then go ahead, create a set of goals and cross them off the list as you pursue em', and with those Ninety six I know precisely what I'm doing!

All Together: Community: 96,000

Carla: No mi diga Community: 96,000

Carla: No mi diga

Daniela: Novent'y-seis mil!

Sonny/Daniela No me diga

Community: Why-hoo ! Women: Check one two three Men: And with the Dollah Dollah

Women: with 96 g's Men: We get to hollah hollah

Women: Between you and me Men: We rock the hot impala

Community: Why-hoo!

All Together:

Vanessa: I'll be downtown, See you around! Around!

Benny: For real though, I'll take a break from the wheel And we'll throw, The biggest block party, Every-body here A weekend when we can breathe Take it easy ooh, whoa, ho!

Community: Who-aoo! Vanessa: I'll be downtown! Community: Who-aoo!

Usnavi/Benny/Sonny We could pay off the debts we owe!

Community: WHO-aoo!

Vanessa/Carla/Daniela: We could tell every one we know!

Community: who-aoo!

Usnavi: I could get on a plane and go

Community: Who-aoo!

Benny/sonny: We'd be swimmin in dough, yo

community: Who-aoo!

Neighbors: No tip-to in We'll get the dough 'n'

Community: Whoa Once we get goin we never gonna stop tip-toin' We'll get the dough n' once we get goin', We're never gonna Ninety six thousand! we'll get the dough 'n ninety six thousand once we get goin' ninety six thousand!

Usnavi/Sonny/Graffiti Pete: WHAT?! WHAT?! WHAT?! WHAT?!

Compan :We'll get the dough 'n' once we get the goin' we're never gonna stop