1. 9/11

NORAD:
They came from Boston -
Goin' to L A -
and their headed South -
They're goin' the wrong
They're goin' the wrong way -
Boston -
L A -
headed South -
goin' the wrong
goin' the wrong way -
no contact -
no contact with the pilot -
no contact with the pilot whatsoever --
No
contact
with the pilot
whatsoever

FDNY:
go ahead
Plane just crashed -
Plane just crashed into the world trade -
every available
every available ambulance -
the plane was aiming
the plane was aiming towards the building -
there's been a major
there's been a major collapse --
May-day! May-day! Liberty and West I'm trapped
I'm trapped in the rubble -
the second plane
the second plane
a second plane! -
May-day! May-day May-day!
I can't breathe
I can't breathe much longer
Other tower just collapsed

2. 2010

Neighborhood residents, Fire Dept. Officer, 1st Ambulance driver to arrive at World Trade Center:

I was sitting in class-
four blocks
four blocks north of ground zero -
I was taking my kids to school -
the first plane -
went straight
went straight over our heads -
went straight over our heads and into the building -
My eyes just kind of shot up
flames
one of the towers
one of the towers just in flames
but we we all thought
but we all thought it was an accident
accident
I knew it it wasn't an accident
I knew it it wasn't an accident right away
Every one was running
running
Every one was running and screaming
Then -
Then
The second plane hit -
The second plane hit
It was not an accident
It was not
It was not an accident
People -
People
jumping from the building -
jumping from the building
people
The first ambulance
the first ambulance to get there
It was chaos
chaos
nobody knew
nobody knew what to do
nobody
The ground -
The ground started shaking -
The ground started shaking
You could feel it
The building came down
came down
Run
Run for your lives
Suddenly
Suddenly it was black outside -
Suddenly it was black outside
You could could not see in front of you
You could not
Debris engulfed everybody
Debris bris engulfed everybody that was there
Everybody thought we were dead
Everybody
thought we were dead
Totally silent
silent
just dust in the street
just dust
Three thousand people
Three thousand people were murdered
What's gonna happen here?
What's gonna happen here next?
3. WTC

Neighborhood resident, women who sat with 9/11 bodies saying Psalms 24/7 until burial, a cellist with a good voice, a cantor

The bodies
The bodies were moved to large tents
On the east side of Manhattan
I would sit there
I would sit there and recite Psalms all night
recite Psalms all night
Simply sitting
sitting
Hashem yishmor tzaytcha uvoecha may atah va-ahd olahm*
Hashem yishmor tzaytcha uvoecha may atah va-ahd olahm
Hashem yishmor tzaytcha uvoecha may atah va-ahd olahm
The world to come
I don't really know what that means
Hiney ahnochi sholayach malach lephaneycha lishmorcha badarech valahaviahcha el-hamahkom asher hakinoti**
Hiney ahnochi sholayach malach lephaneycha lishmorcha badarech valahaviahcha el-hamahkom asher hakinoti -
and there's the world
and there's the world right here

*Psalm 121:8 - The Eternal will guard your departure and your arrival from now till the end of time.

**from The Wayfarer’s Prayer (Exodus 23:20) - Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.