

## Skid Row (downtown)

Company

Alarm goes off at seven  
And you start uptown  
You put in your eight hours  
For the powers that have always been  
Till it's five P.M  
Then You go

Downtown  
Where the folks are broke  
Downtown  
Where your life's a joke  
Downtown  
When you buy your token  
You go  
Home to skid row

Yes, you go

Downtown  
Where the cabs don't stop  
Downtown  
Where the food is slop  
Downtown  
Where the hop-heads flop  
In the snow  
Down on Skid Row

Uptown you cater to a million jerks  
Uptown you're messengers and  
Mailroom clerks  
Eating all your lunches at the  
Hot dog carts  
The bosses take your money  
And they break your hearts

Uptown you cater to a million whores  
You disinfect terrazzo on their  
Bathroom floors  
Your morning's tribulation  
Afternoon's a curse  
And five o'clock is even worse

That's when you go

Downtown  
Where the guys are drips  
Downtown  
Where they rip your slips  
Downtown  
Where relationships are no go  
Down on skid row

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Poor! All my life I've always been poor  
I keep asking God what I'm for  
And he tells me "Gee, I'm not sure  
Sweep that floor, kid."  
Oh, I started life as an orphan  
A child of the street  
Here on skid row  
He took me in, gave me shelter, a bed  
Crust of bread and a job  
Treats me like dirt, calls me a slob  
Which I am  
So I live

Downtown  
That's your home address  
Ya live Downtown  
When your life's a mess  
Ya live Downtown  
Where depression's just  
Status Quo  
Down on skid row

Someone show me a way to get  
Outta here  
'Cause I constantly pray I'll get  
Outta here  
Please, won't somebody say I'll get  
Outta here  
Someone gimme my shot or I'll  
Rot here

Downtown  
There's no rules for us  
Downtown  
'Cause it's dangerous  
Downtown  
Where the rainbow's jus a no-show

Downtown  
Where the sun don't shine  
Downtown  
Past the bottom line  
Downtown  
Go ask any wino, he'll know

I'll do I dunno what to get outta skid  
Downtown  
But a hell of a lot to get outta skid  
Downtown  
People tell me there's not a way outta skid  
Downtown  
But believe me I gotta get outta skid  
Row