

## **Alan Menken & Howard Ashman "Skid Row (Downtown)"**

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Alarm goes off at seven  
And you start up-town  
You put in your eight hours  
For the powers that have always been  
(Sing it child)  
'Til it's five p.m.

Then you go

Downtown  
Where the folks are broke, you go  
Downtown  
Where your life's a joke, you go  
Downtown  
Where you buy a token, you go  
Home to skid row  
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 your messengers and mail room 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  
The jobs are really menial you make no bread  
And then at five-o'clock is even worst

That's where you go

Downtown

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

Poor, all my life I've always been poor  
I keep askin' 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, you live  
Downtown  
When your life's a mess, you 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)  
Show me how and I will, I'll get outta here  
(There's no rules for us)  
(Downtown)  
I'll start climbin' up hill and get outta here  
( 'Cause it's dangerous)  
(Downtown)  
Someone tell me I still could get outta here  
(Where there rainbow just doesn't show)  
Someone tell lady luck that I'm stuck here  
(When you get)

(Downtown)  
Gee it sure would be swell to get outta here  
(Downtown)  
Bid the gutter farewell and get outta here  
(Downtown)  
I'd move heaven and hell to get outta skid  
(Skid row)  
I'd do I don't know 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

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