

## Avenue Q "Schadenfreude"

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Gary:  
Right now you are down and out  
And feelin' really crappy.

Nikki:  
IÂ'll say.

Gary:  
And when I see how sad you are,  
It sorta makes me happy.

Nikki:  
Happy?

Gary:  
Sorry Nikki.  
Human nature-  
Nothing I can do.  
ItÂ's Schadenfreude  
Making me feel glad that IÂ'm not you.

Nikki:  
Now thatÂ's not very nice Gary.

Gary:  
I didnÂ't say it was nice,  
But everybody does it.  
Â'Dya ever clap when a waitress falls  
And drops a tray of glasses?

Nikki:  
Yea.

Gary:  
And ainÂ't it fun to watch figure skaters  
FallinÂ' on their asses?

Nikki:  
Sure.

Gary:  
DonÂ't you feel all warm and cozy

Watching people out in the rain?

Nikki:  
You bet.

Gary:  
That's

Both:  
Schadenfreude.

Gary:  
People taking pleasure in your pain.

Nikki:  
Oh. Schadenfreude, huh? What's that? Some kind of  
Nazi word?

Gary:  
Yup. It's German for 'happiness at the misfortune of  
others'.

Nikki:  
'Happiness at the misfortune of others'  
That is German!  
Watching a vegetarian  
Being told she just ate chicken.

Gary:  
Or watching a frat boy  
Realize just what he put his dick in.

Nikki:  
Being on an elevator when somebody  
Shouts 'Hold the door!'

Gary:  
Oh yea!

Both:  
No!  
Schadenfreude...

Gary:  
Fuck you lady!  
That's what stairs are for!

Nikki:  
Ooh- How about:  
Straight A student's getting B's...

Gary:  
Exes getting STDsÂ...

Nikki:  
Waking doormen from their napsÂ...

Gary:  
Watching tourists reading mapsÂ...

Nikki:  
Football players getting tackledÂ...

Gary:  
CEOs getting shackledÂ...

Nikki:  
Watching actors never reachÂ...

Both:  
The ending of their Oscar speech!  
Schadenfreude!  
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Gary:  
The world needs people like you and me  
WhoÂ've been knocked around by fate  
Â'Cause when people see us  
They donÂ't want to be us  
And that makes them feel great

Nikki:  
Sure.  
We provide a vital service to society.

Both:  
You and me!  
Schadenfreude  
Making the world a better place  
Making the world a better place  
Making the world a better place to be!

Gary:  
S-C-H-A-D-E-N-F-R-E-U-D-E!

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