

## **Lou Reed**

# **"Smalltown"**

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When you're growing up in a small town  
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When you're growing up in a small town  
You say, no one famous ever came from here

When you're growing up in a small town  
And you're having a nervous breakdown  
And you think that you'll never escape it  
Yourself or the place that you live

Where did picasso come from  
There's no michelangelo coming from pittsburgh  
If art is the tip of the iceberg  
I'm the part sinking below

When you're growing up in a small town  
Bad skin, bad eyes, gay and fatty  
People look at you funny  
When you're in a small town

My father worked in construction  
It's not something for which I'm suited  
Oh, what is something for which you are suited  
Getting out of here

I hate being odd in a small town  
If they stare let them stare in new york city  
As this pink eyed painting albino  
How far can my fantasy go

I'm no dali coming from pittsburgh  
No adorable lispig capote  
My hero, oh, do you think I could meet him  
I'd camp out at his front door

There is only one good thing about small town  
There is only one good use for a small town  
There is only one good thing about small town  
You know that you want to get out

When you're growing up in a small town  
You know you'll grow down in a small town

There is only one good use for a small town

You hate it and you'll know you have to leave

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