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## **Neal Peterson**

## "Downtown"

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We split our eyelids just to break downtown Our souls run thinner as we walk the ground Another year has come to pass us by We can't fail if we never try

There's something about the way that it drags me on down, downtown I'm trying to get free in the clouds

Stopped on Nicollet and talked to God She stole my money, but she gave me love A cover charge in Heaven makes one think That Purgatory serves a stronger drink

There's something about the way that she drags me on down, downtown I'm trying to get free in the clouds

Come take a bow, I'll show you how We're young and we're free, the possible is everything I would jump if you would jump with me Oh those pretty machines, they'll sing you a song for anything It's just something that keeps dragging me down down down downtown But I'm getting free in the clouds

In the midst of this chopping sea of civilized life Such are the clouds and storms and guicksands and thousand-and-one items to be allowed for That a man has to live, if he would not founder and go to the bottom and not make his port at all, By dead reckoning, and he must be a great calculator indeed who succeeds. Simplify, simplify. [Henry David Thoreau]

I'm free and floating down endlessly I'm free like you from my memory Please come and kiss on the pavement with me We'll see what could have been now will be

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