

# SKID ROW (DOWNTOWN)

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Freely

B $\flat$  Gm Dm

A - larm goes off at sev - en and you start up - town... You put in your eight ho - urs for the

*mf*

flowers that have al - ways been.

Till it's five P. M.

Medium Rock beat

E $\flat$ /F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  Dm A

Then you go down - town  
down - town

where the folks are broke...  
where the cabs don't stop.

You go down - town  
Down - town where the

Chords: Em, E7, B7, E7

life's a joke... You go down - town. When you buy your to - ken you  
 food is slop. — Down - town where the hop - heads flop — in the

Chords: Gm, Eb/F, Bb, F

go home to on skid row.  
 snow. Down on skid row.

1. Chords: B7, Gm, Eb/F, Bb

(Home to skid row.) Yes, you go

Chords: E7maj7, Gm

Up - town you ca - ter to a mil - lion jerks. — Up - town you're mes - sen - gers and  
 Up - town you ca - ter to a mil - lion whores. — You dis - in - fect ter - raz - zo on their

Cm



mail - room bath - room clerks\_ floors... eat - ing all your lunch - es at the hot - dog carts... The morn - ing's trib - u - la - tion. Af - ter - noon's a curse... The And

1. F7



2.

E♭/F



boss - es take your mon - ey and they break your hearts... five o' - clock is e - ven worse...

B♭

F

B♭

- That's when\_ you go down - town where the guys are drips...

Dm

A

Dm

E♭

B♭

Down - town where they rip your slips... Down - town where re -

la - tion - ships - are no go. Down on skid

Chords: Gm, E7 F

Piano accompaniment for the first system.

row. Down on skid row.

Chords: Bb, F, Bb, Gm, Dm7

Piano accompaniment for the second system.

Down on skid row. Down on skid

Chords: Gm, Eb, Bb, Eb

Piano accompaniment for the third system.

row. Poor, all my life

Chords: Cm7, Eb6/F, F7, Gm(addA)

Piano accompaniment for the fourth system.

E<sup>7</sup>(addF)  
3fr.

I've al - ways been poor. I keep ask - ing God - what I'm

Gm(addA)  
3fr.

Dm(addE)  
5fr.

Cm7  
3fr.

for, and he tells - me, "Gee, - I'm not sure. Sweep -

E<sup>b</sup>/F  
3fr.

Cm  
3fr.

G  
3fr.

Cm  
3fr.

- that floor, - kid." Oh, I start - ed life as an or -

Gm  
3fr.

Dm  
0

Gm  
3fr.

Cm  
3fr.

G  
3fr.

phan, a child of the street - here on skid row. -

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Cm 3fr. Gm 3fr. C7-5 G7

He took me in, gave me shel-ter, a bed, crust of bread and a job.—

Bb/F C7/E F7sus4

Treats me like dirt.— Calls me a slob,— which I am.—

F7 Bb

So I live down-town. That's your home ad-dress.— You live

*Slower*

Dm Eb

down-town when your life's a mess.— You live down-town where de-

Gm E7 F  
 pres - sion's jes' sta - tus quo. Down on skid

Bb F/Bb Bb F/Bb Bb Dm Dm sus4 sus2  
 row. Some - one show me a way — to get out - a here, 'cause I con - stant - ly pray —

Dm Dm sus4 sus2 Dm E7 B7 E7 E7  
 — I'll get out - a here. Please, won't some - bod - y say — I'll get out - a here.

Gm Eb/F  
 Some - one gim - me my shot — or I'll rot here.

B7 F B7 B7 F B7 B7 Dm Dm

Show me how and I will, I'll get out - a here. I'll start climb - in' up - hill -  
 Gee, it sure would be swell - to get out - a here, bid the gut - ter fare - well -

Down - town there's no rules for us. Down - town 'cause it's  
 down - town where the sun don't shine.. Down - town past the

Dm Dm sus4 sus2 Dm Eb B7/Fb Eb

— and get out - a here. Some - one tell me I still — could get out - a here.  
 — and get out - a here. I'd move heav - en and hell — to get out - a skid,

dan - ger - ous. Down - town where the rain - bow's just — a no  
 bot - tom line. Down - town. Go ask an - y win - o. He'll

1. Gm E7/F 2. Gm

Some - one tell la - dy luck — that I'm stuck here. I'd do I dun - no what —

show. When you live know.

*accel. to medium tempo*



— : get out - a skid, but a hell of a lot — to get out - a skid,  
Down - town.

peo - ple tell me there's not — a way out - a skid, but be - lieve me, I've got -  
Down - town. Down - town.

ta get out - a skid row.  
Skid row.