

“Skid Row” from *Little Shop of Horrors*

Book and lyrics by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken

[CRYSTAL] Alarm goes off at seven
And you start uptown.
You put in your eight hours
For the powers that have always been.
Till it's five p.m.

[WINO 1] Then you go

[CRYSTAL, RONNETTE, CHIFFON]
Downtown
Where the folks are broke.
You go downtown
Where your life's a joke.
You go downtown
When you buy your token,
you go
Home to Skid Row.
(Home to Skid Row)

[WINO 1] Yes, you go

[COMPANY] Downtown
Where the cabs don't stop
Downtown

[MUSHNIK] Where the food is slop

[COMPANY] Downtown
Where the hop-heads flop
in the snow
Down on Skid Row

[GIRLS] Uptown you cater to a million jerks.
Uptown you're messengers and
mailroom 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.
Your morning's tribulation,
afternoon's a curse

[COMPANY] And five o'clock is even worse

[WINO 1] That's when you go

[COMPANY] Downtown

[AUDREY] Where the guys are drips.

[COMPANY] Downtown

[AUDREY] Where they rip your slips.

[COMPANY] Downtown

[AUDREY] Where relationships are no go.
Down on Skid Row!
(Down on Skid Row)
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(Down on Skid Row!)

[SEYMOUR] Poor! All my life I've always been poor.
I keep asking 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

[COMPANY] Downtown

[SEYMOUR] That's your home address.
Ya live

[COMPANY] Downtown

[SEYMOUR] When your life's a mess.
Ya live

[COMPANY] Downtown

[SEYMOUR] Where depressions' jes'
Status quo.

[COMPANY] Down on Skid Row

[SEYMOUR] 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.

[COMPANY] Downtown, there's no rules for us

[SEYMOUR] Show me how and I will, I'll get outta here.

[COMPANY] Downtown, 'cause it's dangerous

[SEYMOUR] I'll start climbing up hill and get outta here.

[COMPANY] Downtown, where the rainbow's just a no-show!

[SEYMOUR] Someone tell me I still could get outta here.
Someone tell lady luck that I'm stuck here.

[COMPANY] When you live
Downtown, where the sun don't shine

[SEYMOUR & AUDREY]
Gee it sure would be swell to get outta here.

[COMPANY] Downtown, past the bottom line

[SEYMOUR & AUDREY]
Bid the gutter farewell and get outta here.

[COMPANY] Downtown, go ask any wino, he'll know

[SEYMOUR & AUDREY]
I'd move heaven and hell to get outta Skid.

[COMPANY] Downtown

[SEYMOUR & AUDREY]

I'd do I dunno what to get outta Skid

[COMPANY] Downtown

[SEYMOUR & AUDREY]

But a hell of a lot to get outta Skid

[COMPANY] Downtown

[SEYMOUR & AUDREY]

People tell me there's not a way outta Skid

[COMPANY] Downtown

[SEYMOUR & AUDREY]

But believe me I gotta get outta Skid

[EVERYONE] Row!