

Downtown

Words & Music:
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Thanks to Andrew Rogers for another fab '60s transcription! Petula Clark's rendition of this was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

Intro: E A/E B/E [2x]

E A/E B/E
When you're alone and life is making you lonely
E A/E B/E [etc.]
You can always go downtown.

When you've got worries, all the noise and the hurry
Seems to help, I know, downtown.

E C#m
Just listen to the music of the traffic in the city.
E C#m
Linger on the sidewalk where the neon signs are pretty.
G#m7

How can you lose?
A B/A A B/A A B/A A
The lights are much brighter there.
B/A A B/A F#7
You can for-get all your troubles, forget all your cares, and go

CHORUS:

E/B EM7/B A/B B
Downtown! Things'll be great when you're
Downtown! You'll find a place for sure.
Downtown! Everything's waiting for you
E A/B EM7 A/B E A/B EM7 A/B
(Downtown-----) (Downtown-----)

Don't hang around and let your problems surround you
There are movie shows downtown
Maybe you know some little places to go to
Where they never close downtown
Just listen to the rhythm of the gentle Bossa Nova
You'll be dancing with 'em too before the night is over
Happy again

The lights are much brighter there
You can forget all your troubles, forget all your cares, and go

CHORUS: *[new words]*

Downtown! Where all the lights are bright

Downtown! Waiting for you tonight

Downtown! You're gonna be all right now

(Downtown-----)

[key shifts to F:]

F Bb/C FM7 Bb/C

(Downtown-----)

INSTRUMENTAL HALF-VERSE: F FM7 Bb/F C/F | F Am Bb C *[2x]*

F

Dm

And you may find somebody kind to help and understand you.

F

Dm

Someone who is just like you and needs a gentle hand to

Am7

Guide them along.

Bb C/Bb Bb C/Bb Bb C/Bb Bb

So, may--be I'll see you-- there.

C/Bb Bb C/Bb G7

We can-- forget-- all our troubles, forget all our cares, let's go

CHORUS: *new key & words}*

F/C FM7/C Bb/C C

Downtown! Things'll be great when you're

F/C FM7/C Bb/C C

Downtown! Don't wait a minute more.

F/C FM7/C Bb/C C

Downtown! Everything's waiting for you.

F Bb/C FM7 Bb/C F Bb/C FM7 Bb/C *[repeat this and out]*

(Downtown-----) (Downtown-----)