

# Upstairs Downtown

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She said goodbye at the cattle-guard gate  
Hoping she would find her a place in the world  
With her mind made up and tears in her eyes

It almost made her daddy cry

He said don't forget to call when you get there girl. Driving on that two lane road hoping she  
might find

A whole lot more waiting up ahead than what she left behind Moving upstairs, downtown

Life's too short to be hanging around

She's eighteen and it's time she got out of the wood

She's getting out while the getting's good

All bills paid and a room with a view

She's unpacked a dish or two

She just got her phone turned on today

There's a big, old world waiting just outside

As she's thumbing through the classifieds

Looking for work and any old job's okay Driving on that cross-town freeway hoping she might  
find

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She's eighteen and it's time she got out of the wood

She's getting out while the getting's good Then she lost her job at the grocery store

And the wolf came knocking at the door

The red notice said they turned off her telephone

There's nothing left for her to do so she's packed up a thing or two

Loaded her car down, now she's headed home

Driving on that two lane road hoping she might find

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