

When you're and life is making you lonely
 you go downtown
 When you've got worries
 all the and the hurry seems to help
 I know downtown
 Just of the traffic
 in the city
 linger on the sidewalk
 where the neon signs are
 how can you lose
 the lights are brighter there
 you can all your troubles
 forget all your cares
 So go downtown
 things will be when you're downtown
 no finer place for sure
 downtown everything's
 Don't hang and let your problems surround you
 there are movie shows downtown
 maybe you know to go to
 where they never close downtown
 Just listen to the rhythm of the bossa nova
 you'll be dancing with 'em too before the night is
 happy again
 the lights are much brighter there
 you can forget all your troubles
 forget all your cares
 So go downtown where
 downtown waiting for you
 downtown you're gonna be all right now
 And you may find somebody kind to help and you
 someone just like you
 and a gentle hand to guide them along
 so I'll see you there
 we can forget all our
 all our cares
 So go downtown
 will be great when you're downtown
 a minute more
 downtown everything

worries: Sorgen
 noise: Lärm
 hurry: Eile
 traffic: Verkehr
 linger: verweilen
 sidewalk: Gehsteig
 bright: hell
 care: Kummer
 for sure: gewiss
 bossa nova: Tanzstil
 Ende 1960er-Jahre
 guide: führen

In Manhattan sind Downtown und Uptown Richtungsangaben, Man geht/fährt downtown, also in Richtung Süden oder uptown, also Richtung Norden. Da das Geschäftszentrum in NY downtown ist, wurde der Begriff auch auf andere Städte angewendet, d.h., Downtown bedeutet dasselbe wie City Center.