

Upstairs Downtown

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Route 14, Box 308
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
A whole lot more waiting up
Ahead than what she left behind
Living 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
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
A whole lot more waiting up
Ahead than what she left behind
Living upstairs, downtown
Life's too short to be hanging around
She's eighteen and it's time she got back to the wood
She's getting out while the getting's good

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