

Down City Streets

Ruby Hunter 1990, Ngarrindjeri woman

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A G
Down city streets I would roam,
D A
...I had no bed I had no home.

VERSE 1

A D
Crawled out of the bushes early morn.
G D A
Used newspapers to keep me warm,
A D
then I'd have to score a drink.
G D A
Start me up, help me to think.

A G
Down city streets I would roam,
D A
used my fingers as a comb.

VERSE 2

A D
In those days when I was young,
G D A
drinking and fighting was no fun.
A D
It was daily living for me,
G D A
I had no choice. It was meant to be.

CHORUS

A G
Down city streets I would roam,
D A
...I had no bed I had no home.
A G
And there was nothing that I owned,
D A
used my fingers as a comb.

INSTRUMENTAL on verse chords

VERSE 3

A D
Now I'm a wo/man, I'm not alone.
G D A
..I am married, I have children of my own.
A D
Now I have something I call my own,
G D A
these are my children, this is my home.

Single chord thumb strums

D A
I look around and understand,
G D A
how street kids feel when they're put
down.

CHORUS x 2

OUTRO repeat and fade

G A G
Ooh ooh ooh

