

# Manhattan Transfer, Metropolis

Once there was light  
Perfectly white  
Far as the eye could wander  
Once there was time  
Morning and night  
Once there was sky -- over yonder

The day begins  
Metropolis lies sleeping like a drunken soldier  
Behind the wheel you come alive  
And down into its heart you motor  
Atop the rise - Metropolis  
Defender of the high and mighty  
At every turn the homeless wait  
Reminding you of all that might be

Hurry now, there is somebody there to meet you  
Office girls sweet and innocent poised to greet you  
Through the glass fifty stories below you  
There's a place I've been meaning to show you  
Full of sights that are certain to blow you away

Beneath the haze  
Metropolis awakens with a hiss and rumble  
You'll hear a knock, don't hesitate  
They mustn't ever see you stumble  
You'll never last down on the street  
Where staying on your toes ain't ballet  
It's getting by or getting beat  
From curtain to the grand finale

In the air there is music and sounds of laughter  
For the moment it's happily ever after  
Through the glass fifty stories below you  
In the shadows where nobody knows you  
There's a stranger who's dying to show you the way

Now entering Metropolis  
Creation of a world gone crazy  
The alleyway - the resting place  
Still echo from the souls trapped under  
You lock the doors, step on the gas  
And push until it goes no faster  
You close your eyes and leave behind  
Metropolis lord and master