

## Hastings Street The Song

Hastings Street is infamous for being the 'skid row' area of Vancouver BC. Every major city throughout the world has its own skid row with hundreds and even thousands of homeless people. Alcoholics, drug addicts, the mentally ill, transients, and others on the margins of society living and sleeping on the streets. They sleep on public sidewalks, in alleyways, and in the doorways of abandoned buildings with their cardboard boxes, makeshift tents, sleeping bags, and shopping carts.

They are all citizens but people who are very poor, underprivileged, and unable to find a place to sleep. They congregate in areas of abandoned and decaying buildings, shop doorways, under bridges, and at bus stops. Anywhere they can call home.

These are the homeless people throughout the world and the people of Hastings Street.