

**Small Town**  
**Lou Reed**

Album: Songs for Drella (1990)

| | = 1 bar  
|....| = 1 bar, 4 counts

| D | D |

**D** **D/F# G6**  
When you re growing up in a small town

**A6** **D**  
When you re growing up in a small town

**D** **D/F# G6**  
When you re growing up in a small town

**A6** **D**  
You say no one famous ever came from here

**D** **D/F# G6**  
When you re growing up in a small town

**A6** **D**  
and you re having a nervous breakdown

**D** **D/F# G6**  
and you think that you ll never es- cape it

**A6** **D**  
Yourself or the place that you live

**D** **G6**  
Where did Picasso come from

**A6** **D**  
There s no Michelangelo coming from Pittsburgh

**D/F# G6**  
If art is the tip of the iceberg

**A6**  
I m the part sinking below

| D | D | A A A A Ab G | D | G A | D |  
| A A A A Ab G | D | G A | D | D |

When you re growing up in a small town  
Bad skin, bad eyes - gay and fatty  
People look at you funny  
When you re in a small town  
My father worked in construction  
It s not something for which I m suited  
Oh - what is something for which you are suited?  
Getting out of here

I hate being odd in a small town  
If they stare let them stare in New York City  
as this pink eyed painting albino  
How far can my fantasy go?  
I m no Dali coming from Pittsburgh  
No adorable lisping Capote  
My hero - Oh do you think I could meet him?  
I d camp out at his front door  
There is only one good thing about small town  
There is only one good use for a small town  
There is only one good thing about small town  
You know that you want to get out

When you re growing up in a small town  
You know you ll grow down in a small town  
There is only one good use for a small town  
You hate it and you ll know you have to leave