

Applause segue from "Skid Row"  
02A - Skid Row – Play off

[At the end of the number, life returns to normal. [MUSIC CUE 2A] CHORUS, CRYSTAL, RONNETTE, CHIFFON, DIAMOND, LIBERTY, RONNETTE BACKING GROUP and CHORUS exit; WINO#1 picks the sandwich out of the SL trashcan; SEYMOUR starts tending to the flowers in the window. AUDREY goes back into the shop, where she continues to arrange the roses. MUSHNIK dejectedly returns to the counter and his newspaper. Meanwhile, WINO#1 has moved up L, outside the shop window. On a MUSIC CUE, SEYMOUR, MUSHNIK and AUDREY think they hear something outside. Could it be a customer? They look. It's just the WINO. He coughs disgustingly. On a MUSIC CUE, AUDREY, SEYMOUR and MUSHNIK sigh and turn back to what they were doing. The clock chimes six. AUDREY crosses up to C to deposit her lifeless roses in the window.]

Mrs Mushnik: Well look at that, it's six o'clock and we didn't sell so much as a fern. I guess this is it. Don't bother coming in tomorrow.

AUDREY: You don't mean

SEYMOUR: You can't mean

Mrs Mushnik: What, what what don't I mean? I mean I'm closed! Forget it. Kaput!

AUDREY: You can't!

Mrs Mushnik: I'm closing this God and customer forsaken place.

[AUDREY nudges SEYMOUR forward]

SEYMOUR: Mrs Mushnik. Forgive me for saying so, but has it ever occurred to you that maybe what the firm needs is to... move in a new direction?

AUDREY: What Seymour's trying to say, Mrs Mushnik is, well we've talked about it and we both agree ... [to SEYMOUR] Seymour, why don't you run out back and grab that strange and interesting new plant you've been working on? [SEYMOUR exits up R] You see, Mrs Mushnik, some of those exotic plants Seymour has been tinkering around with are really unusual, and what we were both thinking that maybe some of his strange and interesting plants, prominently displayed and advertised, would attract... business?

SEYMOUR: [re-enters R, carrying Pod#1 – a large but sickly looking plant – unlike any you have ever seen.] I'm afraid it isn't feeling very well today.

AUDREY: There. Now isn't that bizarre?

Mrs Mushnik: [joining her] At least.

Mr Mushnik: What kind of weirdo plant is that?

SEYMOUR: I don't know. It looks like some kind of flytrap. But I haven't been able to identify it in any of my books. So I gave it my own name. I called it Audrey Two.

AUDREY: [deeply moved] After me?

SEYMOUR: [shyly] I hope you don't mind. [to MUSHNIK, then crossing over to window] You see Mr Mushnik, if you put a strange and interesting plant like this, here in the window, maybe –

Mrs Mushnik: Maybe what? You know how ridiculous you sound? Just because you put a strange and interesting plant in a window, people don't suddenly...

[Door chimes and opens. All three heads turn. 3 CUSTOMERS enter the shop]

CUSTOMER: Excuse me, but I couldn't help but noticing that strange and interesting plant. What is it?

AUDREY: It's an Audrey Two

CUSTOMER: I've never seen anything like it before

SEYMOUR: No one has

CUSTOMER: Where did you get it?

SEYMOUR: Well...