

## Summer Wages

Bobby Bare

Never hit seventeen when you play against the dealer  
For you know the odds won't ride with you  
Never leave your woman alone when your friends around to steal  
her  
Years I've gambled and lost like summer wages.

And we'll keep rolling on till we get to Vancouver  
And the woman that I love is living there  
It's been six long months and more since I've seen her  
May be gambled and gone like summer wages.

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The dreams of the seasons get all spilled down on the floor  
All the big stands of timber just waitin' for falling  
And the hookers waitin' watchfully as they sit there by the door.

So, I'll work on the towboats with my slippery city shoes on  
Which I swore I would never do again  
Through the gray fog-  
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