

Summer Wages

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When you play against the dealer
For you know that the odds won't ride with you
Never leave your woman alone
When your friends are out to steal her
She'll be gambled and gone like summer wages

And we'll keep rollin' on
'Til we get to Vancouver
And the woman that I love
She's livin' there
And it's been six long months
And more since I've seen her
She may be gambled and gone like summer wages

In all the beer parlors all down around main street
The dreams of the season get all spilled down on the floor
And the big stands of timber waitin' there just for fallin'
And the hookers waitin' watchfully standin' by the door

So, I work on them old towboats
With my slippery city shoes
Which I swore I would never do again
In the gray fog bound straights
Where the cedars stand watchin'
I'll be far off and gone like summer wages

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