When I was a young man I found an old dream
Was as battered and worn a one as you have ever seen
But I made it some new wings and I painted a nose
And I wished so hard up in the air I rose, singing

Carry me, carry me, carry me above the world Carry me, carry me, carry me

And I once loved a girl
She was younger than me
Her parents kept her locked up in their life
And she was crying at night
She was wishing she could be free

Course mostly I remember her laughing Standing there watching us play For a while there, the music would take her away And she'd be singing

Carry me, carry me, carry me above the world Carry me, carry me, carry me above the world

And then there was my mother

She was lying in white sheets there and she was waiting to die

She said if you'd just reach underneath this bed

And untie these weights

I could surely fly

She's still smiling but she's tired She'd like to hear that last bell ring You know if she still could she would Stand up, and she could sing, singing

Carry me, carry me, carry me above the world Carry me, carry me, carry me