

Green Light Means Danger

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In a place where the sun has forgot to shine
And the moon has forgotten to rise
Where the faces are grey, and they live just to play
And you won't see a light in their eyes...

And the east could be west, and the north could be south
And you can't tell your left from your right
But disaster is only a heartbeat away
And it's cold in the heat of the night...

In a land where the sun has forgot to shine
And the rain never falls, but it pours
Where the game never ends so they don't need to close
They don't need a lock on the doors...

And there isn't a window; you can't see the sky
And you won't see a clock on the wall
But they come here for fortune, they come here for fame
And they end up by losing it all!

Green light means danger--
Don't stand too close to the fire;
You'll burn your fingers
While you're fulfilling your every desire!
Luck is a stranger
With teeth as sharp as a knife;
Green light means danger--
Red light means you'd better run for your life!

So the wheelmen spin, and the cardmen deal,
And the dice come tumbling down
And the wine so free, and the light so bright,
That you can't put your feet on the ground...

And the dealers joke as a clown goes broke
Cause he just couldn't take anymore;
And they count up the tips, and they rake in the chips
As another one walks in the door...

Green light means danger--
Don't fly too close to the sun!
Amber means warning
That every chance is a million to one!
Luck is a stranger
With teeth as sharp as a knife;
Green light means danger--
Red light means you'd better run for your life!

There's a place in the desert that lies to the west
Where you can't tell the night from the sunrise;
And not all the king's horses and all the king's men
Have prevented the fall of the unwise
And we think it will make our lives easier
For God knows up till now it's been hard...
But the game never ends when your whole world depends
On the turn of a friendly card...

In the twilight gloom of a boomtown room
Is a gambler with holes in his shoes
For he once had a home, and he once had a wife
Now he is broke, and there's no more to lose...

But he dreamed in his dreams of a golden key
But it left him with nowhere to go
For he lost his head, bet it all on the red
As the black came up ten in a row...

Though he tried to leave when he had the chance
And he stood up and walked out the door;
And he waved goodbye, taking all that he'd won,
But they knew he would come back for more...

For the lights and the wine are the hook and the line
And the fish never seem to get wise;
And the spider who's patiently spinning her web
Can be certain of catching some flies...

Green light means danger--
Don't stand too close to the fire;
You'll burn your fingers
While you're fulfilling your every desire!
Luck is a stranger
With teeth as sharp as a knife;
Green light means danger--
Red light means you'd better run for your life!

So the icemen pay, and the stonemen play
And the dicemen tumble and fall;
And the wheelmen spin, and the cardmen deal,
And the eye in the sky sees it all...

And your mind spins round as the chips go down
And you can't put your feet on the ground;
And the dealers joke as a clown goes broke
But the world keeps turning around...

Green light means danger--
Don't fly too close to the sun!
Amber means warning
That every chance is a million to one!
Luck is a stranger
With teeth as sharp as a knife;
Green light means danger--
Red light means you'd better run for your --

There are unsmiling faces in fetters and chains,
On a wheel in perpetual motion;
And we follow the races, and play all the games
With no show of an outward emotion;
And we think it will make our lives easier,
For God knows up till now it's been hard...
But the game never ends when your whole world depends
On the turn of a friendly card...
No the game never ends when your whole world depends
On the turn... of a friendly... card!

Green light means danger-- (Danger!)
Don't stand too close to the fire; (Close to the fire)
You'll burn your fingers (Fingers)

While you're fulfilling your every desire!
Luck is a stranger (Stranger)
With teeth as sharp as a knife (Sharp as a knife)
Green light means danger (Danger!)
Red light means you'd better run--
You'd better run--
You'd better run for your life!