

# Paultalk

## Peter, Paul and Mary

I'd like to call somebody to the stage that you know as a folk singer  
But that you haven't met in his other role

Paul is a comedian with a unique point of view and commentary  
And in this capacity, ladies and gentlemen  
Please welcome with me to the stage, my good friend  
My compatriot, Paul Stookey

That was the sound of a golf ball  
Or if you're a ping-pong enthusiast, that was a sound of a ping-pong ball  
Except generally you'll hear

That's the sound of a match between a golfer and a ping-pong enthusiast

I played golf today, 18 holes I played golf, wooo  
I did pretty good too, I think you would have been very proud of me  
Four. Five. Six Seven

I don't like sports very much  
There's a vast number of sports that I'm not involved in.  
There's water skiing  
In order to water ski, really you should swim, right?  
You're not gonna stay up there all the time, now  
And I don't like to swim, really  
You know what swimming is to me?  
Staying alive when I'm in the water.  
Barely  
I'll do anything to stay afloat  
Even swallow CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges

But I didn't come out here to talk about sports  
I really, I came out here, Peter talks about status  
And I cannot think of one material object that has more status in this country  
Than the automobile  
And it starts at a very early age now, right?  
I mean, now at 14, kids want the car, right?  
They get cheaters permits so they can drive  
You get a learners permit at 15, a cheaters permit at 14  
And it's, I guess it's really necessary because  
You lose a lot of face calling up a girl and asking her  
If you can peddle right over and pick her up, right?

They don't really go for that any more  
And if you look back on all the times you had the automobile  
Aside from a few interesting saturday evenings  
You got to admit that one of the nicest times of all  
Was a sunday afternoon, if you could get the car  
You come down the stairs, ker-clunk ker-clunk ker-clunk ker-clunk  
Mom, dad, gonna take the car, ha haaa  
Beautiful day for a drive, I think I'll go out  
Ha haaa haaa ha huuu

And then, and then they level you with that giant killer, right?  
HAVE YOU DONE YOUR HOMEWORK?

If you were fast, you'd say, mom, dad, have I done my homework?  
Run out the door  
You pick up 3 other great pretenders, 3 o'clock in the afternoon  
The time is now 10 o'clock in the evening  
The same 4 guys are in the same car  
Well, whata you wanna do?  
I don't know, whada you wanna do?  
Hey, we've been driving for 7 hours  
Hey, I got an idea, he he  
Yeah, what's that?  
Lets go to a drive-in resturant and look at the girls, hehehe  
Oh, ok  
Well, here they are, but they're all from our high school  
Wait a minute, there's a car load over there  
There's a place right next to them, lets go get it

Don't look at 'em  
Here's the conversation in the girls car you never heard

Here they come  
There they are  
Don't look at 'em

Remember the time when drive-ins first opened  
And the girls used to come out to take your order?  
Now you're lucky you know, if you get a girl in slacks who delivers it  
I understand they're even putting in conveyor belts in some drive-in resturants  
There was a time when the little girls came running out in short little skirts  
Remember them?  
You pull in  
And the little girl would come running up  
May I take your order sir?  
Yes, but I don't believe it's on the menu, ha ha  
They don't, they don't let you flirt any more now  
They give you a little green box with a white button on it  
A little speaker grill, right

What?

Oh, ok, um, We'd like one cheeseburger deluxe special extra  
The one you have out here with the little white cup  
With that whatever that's in there, we'll take it, whatever it is  
And uh, we'd like two hamburgers medium rare with everything on 'em  
And one hamburger, no, one hamburger, meat, no hamburgers  
One frank, and three chiliburgers, ok?  
Alright, and we'd like two chocolate shakes, regular thick, for spoons you k now THICK  
And we'd like two strawberry shakes thin  
Water them down, or milk them down a little, ok  
'Cause we got somebody here with chapped lips and they'd like it thin  
Can, you understand what I mean?  
Are you there?

Well, could you tell us what we have please?

And four six-packs

We'll take it  
And after you get your food order in, you got at least 40 minutes to wait  
Even if it's just a cup of coffee you got 40 minutes to wait  
And you cannot get out of your car, right  
Remember there was a time when drive-ins first opened  
You used to pull in and get out, exchange hellos, greetings  
Evidently some people were getting out and exchanging  
Something a little heavier than hellos and greetings  
They have policemen there to keep you in your car  
You can be 47 years old and drop your credit cards on the ground  
Officer, that's my wallet  
I don't care who you are kid back in the car  
If you do get out, you gotta be very careful  
Because the new restaurants have radar now  
So you have to crawl on your belly between the cars  
You get over to the side of the car  
Psssst  
Psssst down here!  
I can't come up, they'll spot me  
Put down your window

Power windows, huh?  
Whoo, this is a pretty fancy car  
Hey, you're a pretty fancy broad

If you did manage to get out of the drive-in resturant without being maimed  
There was a sporting event taking place at the traffic light  
Remember, with all of two characters  
Mr. Businessman who drove a 4-door family sedan with black-wall tires  
Automatic transmission  
Seated next to him in a 1941 gray primer coated Ford  
With it's rear end 2 inches off the ground  
Tomato cans for mufflers  
With his back to the drivers window, his left arm draped over the steering w  
heel  
His right hand gripped onto the gearshift lever  
A sneer on lips sat THE KID

Well, Mr. Businessman has just had his bands tightened, and  
Those of you who are not quite sure what I mean  
By having your bands tightened  
The bands are the rings in an automatic transmission  
Which actually affect the gear change  
Uh huh, I'll give you an example  
This is an automobile with tight bands

This is an automobile with loose bands

Well, Mr. Businessman has just had his bands tightened  
And he thinks that he will show THE KID a thing or two  
Meanwhile, THE KID  
Has inched these 2 fingers up over his left arm  
This is the universal signlanguage among teenagers for dragging  
You probably recall Winston Churchill during the war years  
Which everyone assumed meant V for victory  
Actually if you'll also recall Winston Churchill smokes a cigar, right?  
He used to hold it in here, right?  
And occationally he would turn to his friends on the stage and say  
Want a drag?  
See, and the kids picked it up

The light changes  
The light changes to amber and Mr. Businessman decides to get very daring  
He pulls the automatic transmission down into low  
He puts one foot on the brake  
Still holding the foot on the brake, in order to get that extra fast start  
He pulls the automatic transmission down into low  
And pushes down on the accelerator five inches  
The car is internally hemorrhaging  
He knows, he knows, he knows he's gonna have to have another band job  
He's not gonna let THE KID show him up  
The light changes to green, Mr. Businessman is off

Looks at the speedometer, 80, 90, 95, 96, 97, 98 miles an hour  
Looks out the window and The Kids not even there  
You know what's there?

He looks in the rear view mirror and The Kids still back at the corner  
He never races anybody  
He just sits there and scares the hell out of them