

# When The Kids Are Gone

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Once our lives were all about kids  
All about kids and the things kids did  
Me and the missus and Little League games  
And then one year when the summertime came

I said, "I think they're old enough  
To go to summer camp and do summer camp stuff"  
So we signed them up for a two-week stint  
My wife said to me just before they went

"What are we gonna do when the kids are gone  
For two long weeks and we're all alone?  
Will we know how to act here on our own?  
What are we gonna do" (What are we gonna do)  
"When the kids are gone?"

And I said, "Hmm"

"Make love in the kitchen and howl at the moon  
Run butt-naked through the dining room"  
(Butt-naked, butt-naked through the dining room)  
"Stay out late with all of our friends  
And run hog-wild 'til the summer camp ends"

Well, there was dating and proms and graduation  
Off to college for more education  
Then one day, it became real clear  
That it wouldn't be long 'til they wouldn't be here

Once again, my wife said

"What are we gonna do when the kids are grown  
When they're all moved out and we're on our own?  
When we get back our lives and our telephone  
Said what are we gonna do" (What are we gonna do)  
"When the kids are grown?"

And I said, "Let's see, heh-heh-heh"

"We'll make love in the kitchen and howl at the moon  
Run butt-naked through the dining room"  
(Butt-naked, butt-naked, butt-naked, butt-naked)  
"Buy a red Corvette and a silver van  
And run hog-wild 'til we're in Depends"

Then one day the children sat us both down  
Said, "We see you're having trouble just getting around  
We'd hate to see you come to some harm  
So we're sending you off to the Sunset Farms"

My wife cried, and said

"What are we gonna do when they put us in the home  
When the kids sell off everything we own?  
When our hearing and our vision and our teeth are gone  
Now what are we gonna do" (What are we gonna do)  
"When they put us in the home?"

And I said, "Heh-heh-heh"

"Make love in the kitchen and howl at the moon  
Run butt-naked through the dining room"  
(Butt-naked, butt-naked, butt, butt, butt-naked)  
"If they tell us that we can't, we'll just do it again  
And run hog-wild 'til the whole thing ends"

"Make love in the kitchen and howl at the moon  
Run butt-naked through the dining room"  
(Butt, butt, butt, butt, butt, butt, butt-naked)  
"If they tell us not to do it, we'll just do it again  
And run hog-wild 'til this whole thing ends"

"Make love in the kitchen and howl at the moon  
Run butt-naked through the dining room"  
(Butt-naked, naked, naked, naked, naked, naked, naked)  
"If they tell us, 'Don't do that', we'll just do that again  
And run hog-wild 'til this whole thing ends"