

Devil's Back

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You were lookin' 'bout as down as a demon on his birthday
Wishin' he was never born
You were sneakin' around like a moss that creeps up a stone stairway
Looked about as tattered as a sail on a ship in a six week storm

And, yet you say you want another way
You say you want to be restored
But, still you're playin' the games you play
And hankerin' with your ouija board

You were lookin' 'bout as sly as a rapist in the shadows
Waiting to entertain some angel unaware
You had that look in your eyes like a coldness that a rat knows
When he's caught, and he rots in a gutter with his food in a snare

And, yet you say you want a better way
Or is it that you're just gettin' bored?
I'm tired of playin' all those games you play
But, don't play around with the Lord!

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Steppin' on sidewalk cracks?
You can't buy salvation at the 5 and 10
You can't get away from Satan in a hot corvette
You can't climb to Heaven in a private jet
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You can't go dancin' in your daddy's suits
You can't go mountain climbin' in your go-go boots
You can't walk a tight rope in water ski's
And, anything you ever want to do in this life
First of all you've got to get the keys!

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And, if you want to skydive, you'll need a parachute
Don't you know you can't have your cookies, babe, and eat 'em, too
And, if you want to play piano, gotta learn how to hit the keys
And, if you want to learn how to live your life right
Well, the first place to get is on your knees!

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