You Cannot Win If You Do Not Play

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I was sittin' by the road
My head in a cloud
Wishin' that I had some wings
A-wishin' for a scooter
A-wishin' for a train
Or any kinda movin' thing

Well, I looked at the trees
Looked at the sky
Seen it was a lovely day
I looked up the road
Looked at my feet
An' picked it up
And walked away

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Well, went to the fair
Lookin' for fun
Think the whole world was there
I saw a fat man
I saw a thin man
I saw a little, teddy bear

Well, I said to myself
"I know what I want
Gotta get a bear some way"
I heard a loud voice
Said a few words
It said, "You gotta take a chance an' play, boy"

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Pretty, young Pam
You're bringin' me down, baby
All ya do is make me blue
I'm under the trees
Waiting alone now
Try'na sing a song for you

Well, the night is so clear
The moon is so bright
You're wastin' it all away
You're up on a hill
I'm down here below
I'm try'na tell ya babe, it ain't okay

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