

# Hide and Seek

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Me and all the kids from the neighbourhood  
We'd play out in the street all summer long  
Rule was we had to go home at night  
When the street lights came on

We were oblivious to the rest of the world  
And we'd hold up the cars in the street  
Yeah, we'd always play boys against girls  
And both sides would cheat

Strange men would stop their cars at the curb  
Say, "Hey sweetheart come here"  
And I'd go up to the window  
And they'd have their dick out in their hands  
With a sick little sneer

I'd say, "Here we go again!  
Yeah, ok this time you win"  
And I would feel dirty, I'd feel ashamed  
But I wouldn't let it stop my game

We would play 'hide and go seek'  
Territory would be the whole block  
Sometimes the older boys when they'd find you  
They wouldn't want to tag you, they'd just want to talk

They'd say "What would you do for a quarter?  
Come on, we don't have that much time"  
And I'd think a minute and I'd say  
"Ok, give me the quarter first, fine"

This time you win  
Here we go again!  
And I would feel dirty and I would feel ashamed  
But I wouldn't let it stop my game

I remember my first trip alone on the Greyhound bus  
A man who put his hands on me as soon as night fell  
And I remember when I was leavin' how excited I was  
And I remember when I arrived, I didn't feel so well

I remember the teacher at school got me so sick and scared  
I went into the bathroom and threw up in my hair  
And I could go on, but you know, it just gets worse  
And I could probably stop there

Girl, next time he wants to know  
What your problem is  
Girl, next time he wants to know  
Where the anger comes from  
Just tell him this time the problem's his  
Tell him the anger just comes  
It just comes