

# Like A Rolling Stone

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Once upon a time you dressed so fine  
You threw the bums a dime in your prime, didn't you  
People'd call, say, beware doll, you're bound to fall  
You thought they were all kiddin' you

You used to laugh about everybody that was hangin' out  
Now you don't talk so loud, now you don't seem so proud  
About having to be scrounging for your next meal

How does it feel' How does it feel'  
To be without a home like a complete unknown  
Like a Rolling Stone'

You've gone to the finest school all right, miss lonely  
But you know you only used to get juiced in it  
And nobody has ever taught you how to live on the street  
And now you find out you're gonna have to get used to it

You said, you'd never compromise with the mystery tramp  
But now you realize he's not selling any alibis  
As you stare into the vacuum of his eyes  
And ask him do you want to make a deal?

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To be on your own with no direction home  
Like a complete unknown, like a Rolling Stone'

You never turned around to see the frowns  
On the jugglers and the clowns  
When they all come down and did tricks for you  
You never understood that it ain't no good  
You shouldn't let other people get your kicks for you

You used to ride on the chrome horse with your diplomat  
Who carried on his shoulder a siamese cat  
Ain't it hard when you discover that  
He really wasn't where it's at  
After he took from you everything he could steal.

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Princess on the steeple and all the pretty people  
They're drinkin', thinkin' that they got it made  
Exchanging all kinds of precious gifts and things  
But you'd better lift your diamond ring, you'd better pawn it, babe

You used to be so amused  
At napoleon in rags and the language that he used  
Go to him now, he calls you, you can't refuse  
When you got nothing, you got nothing to lose  
You're invisible now, you got no secrets to conceal

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