

# Hold On To What?

## The Beautiful South

She'd given everything she could give  
Twenty years of kindness made her sad  
Kindness never made enough to live  
So she sold the very last thing that she had

As she held her hand out to him  
As he drove around the block  
He mouthed through the window 'just hold on'  
'I've held on many years now and I haven't found a lot'  
Hold on, hold on to what?

So hold on to what? Hold on to what?  
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I'll need a pair of stilts if I'm to ever reach the top  
So hold on! Hold on to what?

Many years of service with a smile  
Up shit creek and down the Rhine  
Gibraltar Rock and now the Emerald Isle  
He'd shined every shoe that he could shine

And as he lay in his own blood  
Screaming 'I've been shot'  
He heard the Major whisper 'just hold on'  
'I've held on all these years now, now what medal have I got?'  
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Sixty years and he's looking his worst  
Sitting in the park where she'd died  
Running hands through his final hair  
These are the words that he cried

To achieve the American dream  
You need a trampoline  
To achieve the counter effect  
Get that whisky down your neck'  
And hold on, hold on to what?

Chamberlain had his paper  
Jesus had his cross  
They held on  
We held on to what?