I'm down at the Bowery oh Lord oh Lord I'm gonna tell ya how I got here First I gotta shoot some dice and win So I can get my room again

It all started with a love so true and the angels flew Higher than I'd ever been With a sparkle in her face and her eyes and the butterfly It all came rushing in

A buttercup I lost my wife in '73 She took ill, she done died on me Now I've got nothing more to live for

So I packed up a bag and went
I just started wanderin'
I hid in the booze and the shadows of the night
I just started crumblin'

A buttercup
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Oh, it just don't seem fair I met her under a chandelier And time and space changed from there

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