

The Lie

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Thirty odd years before
On some grass covered wasteland
A boy is observed on his own
Who is watching and playing

He's just made a pact with himself
If that rabbit over there
Doesn't go down yonder hole
Let the ground beneath him disappear

And it runs on past
Fades away in the distance
But the earth doesn't move
Nobody thought that it would

He makes bets and pledges
Again and again
Sometimes he wins
Sometimes he loses no matter

Some might call him stupid
To tempt fate in this way
But he really does believe in it
Each time the rules are made

There he goes again
If I never fall for a lady
Then let me be famous
Let me be wise

Now this one I like
It has a different ring
Instead of something trivial
That's a serious undertaking

So I say to you
This time, I think I'll act
I'll be a witness to this contract
I'll settle everything

So if you should ever fall in love
You'll not only not be wise
You'll lose your memory and most of your mind
And I've never been known to lie

And now, he's not really sure
If he truly heard someone
So what if he did, he thinks
For nothing will happen

Though he seems to shrug it off
He won't play that game again
Forever morning after the night before
When even one drop would cause pain

And the years go by
The incident is all but forgotten by one

But the other who lives it
Remembers that innocent fun