

Once-in-a-Lifetime Thing

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- Verse 1 Roll-up your trowsers and pull-off your socks,
But keep yer toes outta the Crawdaddy rocks.
We'll go a wadin' in a country stream,
And maybe catch a trout with a hook and string.
- Verse 2 Swing on the rope from the loft in the barn;
Dive into the haystack while flappin' yer arms.
Pretend yer as able to fly as a hawk,
But when you're through pretendin', don't forget how to walk...(ref)
- Refrain Don't try to save up your youth, no, no;
It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing.
It won't do you any good at all,
When you're too old to giggle and sing.
- Verse 3 Jump on yer pony and follow me;
We'll ride into town on a shopping spree.
Line-up at the counter in the dry goods store;
We can pool our pennies for a Hershey bar.
- Verse 4 Wrap-up a towel in a tight little roll,
And we'll go down to the swimmin' hole.
We can find a frog near the old Pine tree,
To scare Mary Lou just to hear her scream....(ref)
- Verse 5 Help me with the comforter from Mama's bed,
Hang it from the clothesline, imagine it's a tent.
By day we will hunt big game in the yard,
And fall asleep countin' stars when the sky gets dark.
- Verse 6 Wakin' up in the mornin' to the breeze blowin' through,
The tassels of the corn and the sunflowers, too.
Grass stains on our knees and sand between our toes;
The days of summer, too swiftly they go...(ref)