

Subterranean Homesick Blues
Bob Dylan

Verse 1:

A (alternate with A7)
Johnny's in the basement
Mixing up the medicine
I'm on the pavement
Thinking about the government
The man in the trench coat
Badge out, laid off
Says he's got a bad cough
Wants to get it paid off
D7

Look out kid
It's somethin' you did
A
God knows when
But you're doing it again
You better duck down the alley way
Lookin' for a new friend

E7
A man in the coonskin cap, in the pig pen
A
Wants eleven dollar bills, you only got ten

Verse 2:

A
Maggie comes fleet foot
Face full of black soot
Talkin' that the heat put
Plants in the bed but
The phone's tapped anyway
Maggie says that many say
They must bust in early May
Orders from the D.A.

D7
Look out kid
Don't matter what you did
A
Walk on your tip toes
Don't try No-Doze
Better stay away from those
That carry around a fire hose

E7

Keep a clean nose
Watch the plain clothes

A

You don't need a weather man
To know which way the wind blows

Verse 3:

A

Oh, get sick, get well
Hang around a ink well
Ring bell, hard to tell
If anything is goin' to sell
Try hard, get barred
Get back, write braille
Get jailed, jump bail
Join the army, if you fail

D7

Look out kid
You're gonna get hit

A

But losers,
cheaters
Six-time users
Hang around the theaters

E7

Girl by the whirlpool
Lookin' for a new fool

A

Don't follow leaders,
watch the parkin' meters

Verse 4:

A

Oh, get born, keep warm
Short pants romance Learn to dance,
get dressed, get blessed
Try to be a success
Please her please him, buy gifts
Don't steal, don't lift
Twenty years of schoolin'
And they put you on the day shift

D7

Look out kid
They keep it all hid

A

Better jump down a manhole
Light yourself a candle
Don't wear sandals
Try to avoid the scandals

E7

Don't want to be a bum
You better chew gum

A

The pump don't work
'Cause the vandals took the handles

A

fade out