

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