

# Talking Bear Mountain Picnic Massacre Blues

## Bob Dylan

I saw it advertised one day,  
Bear mountain picnic was comin' my way.  
"come along 'n' take a trip,  
We'll bring you up there on a ship.  
Bring the wife and kids  
Bring the whole family."  
Yippee! Well, I run right down 'n' bought a ticket  
To this bear mountain picnic.  
But little did I realize  
I was in for a picnic surprise.  
Had nothin' to do with mountains.  
I didn't even come close to a bear. Took the wife 'n' kids down to the pier,  
Six thousand people there,  
Everybody had ticket for the trip.  
"oh well." I said, "it's a pretty big ship.  
Besides, anyway, the more the merrier." Well, we all got on 'n' what d'ya think,  
That big old boat started t' sink  
More people kept a-pilin' on,  
That old ship was a-slowly goin' down.  
Funny way t' start a picnic. Well, I soon lost track of m' kids 'n' wife,  
So many people there I never saw in m' life  
That old ship sinkin' down in the water,  
Six thousand people tryin' t' kill each other,  
Dogs a-barkin', cats a-meowin',  
Women screamin', fists a-flyin', babies cryin',  
Cops a-comin', me a-runnin'.  
Maybe we just better call off the picnic. I got shoved down 'n' pushed around,  
All I could hear there was a screamin' sound,  
Don't remember one thing more,  
Just remember walkin' up on a little shore,  
Head busted, stomach cracked,  
Feet splintered, I was bald, naked. . .  
Quite lucky to be alive though. Feelin' like I climbed outa m' casket,  
I grabbed back hold of m' picnic basket.  
Took the wife 'n' kids 'n' started home,  
Wishin' I'd never got up that morn. Now, I don't care just what you do,  
If you wanta have a picnic, that's up t' you.  
But don't tell me about it, I don't wanta hear it,  
'cause, see, I just lost all m' picnic spirit.

Stay in m' kitchen, have m' own picnic. . .  
In the bathroom. Now, it don't seem to me quite so funny  
What some people are gonna do f'r money.  
There's a bran' new gimmick every day  
Just t' take somebody's money away.  
I think we oughta take some o' these people  
And put 'em on a boat, send 'em up to bear mountain . . .  
For a picnic.

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