Summer Wages

Bobby Bare

Never hit seventeen When you play against the dealer You know that the odds Won't ride with you And never leave your woman alone With your friends around to steal her She'll be gamled and gone Like summer wages And we'll keep rollin' on 'til we get to vancouver And the woman that I love She's living there It's been six long months And more since I've seen her Years have gambled and gone Like summer wages Chorus: In all the beer parlors All down along main street The dreams of the seasons Get all spilled down on the floor All the big stands of timber Just waiting for falling

And the hookers standing watchfully
Waiting by the door
So I'll work on the towboats
With my slippery city shoes
Which lord I swore I would never do again
Through the gray fog-bound straits
Where the cedars stand watching
I'll be far off and gone
Like summer wages
Chorus
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