

The Lie

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Thirty odd years before on some grass covered wasteland,
A boy is observed on his own who is watching and playing.

He's just made a pact with himself,
If that rabbit over there
Doesn't go down yonder hole,
Let the ground beneath him disappear.

And it runs on past,
Fades away in the distance

But the earth doesn't move, nobody thought that it would.

He makes bets and pledges again and again.

Sometimes he wins, sometimes he loses, no matter,
Some might call him stupid

To tempt fate in this way,
But he really does believe in it
Each time the rules are made

There he goes again,

'If I never fall for a lady then Let me famous, let me be wise -'

Now this one I like,

It has a different ring,
Instead of something trivial
That's a serious undertaking.

So I say to you,

This time I think I'll act,

I'll be a witness to this contract,

I'll settle everything.

So if you should ever fall in love

You'll not only not be wise,

You'll lose your memory and most of your mind

And I've never been known to lie...

And now he's not really sure if he truly heard someone,

So what if he did, he thinks, for nothing will happen,

Though he seems to shrug it off

He won't play that game again,

Forever morning after the night before

When even one drop would cause pain.

And the years go by.

The incident is all but forgotten by one

But the other who lives it remembers that innocent fun.

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