Dust Bowl

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I should know to leave them home
They follow me through the store
With these toys I can't afford
Kids, take them back, you know better than that
Dolls that talk, Astronauts, TV games, airplanes
They don't understand and how can I explain?I try and try but I can't save
Pennies, nickels, dollars slip away
I've tried and tried but I can't saveMy youngest girl has bad fever, sure
All night with alcohol
Tryin' to cool and rub her down
Ruby, I'm tired, I'm tired, try and get some sleep
I'm adding doctor's fees to remedies
To the cost of three day's work lostI try and try but I can't save
Pennies, nickels, dollars slip away
I've tried and tried but I can't saveThe hole in my pocketbook is growing
"There's a new wind blowin'", they say
It's gonna be a cold, cold one
Brace yourselves my darlings
'Cause it won't bring anything much our way
But more dust bowl daysI played a card in this week's game
I took the first and the last letters
In three of their names
This lottery's been buildin' up for weeks
I could be lucky me with the five million prize
Tears of disbelief spillin' out of my eyesI try and try but I can't save
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