

# Keep Away

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You keep your jealousy and your snide remarks to yourself  
You know that I'm not seeing anybody else  
You just keep your ear down to the ground  
Yell your head off if you hear a sound And here's a whistle and a badge and a phone  
You can arrest me if I'm not at home  
And if I don't keep my word  
I swear I'll keep away Here's some books and a puzzle by Escher  
Here's Shakespeare's "Measure For Measure"  
Here's a balloon, a rubber band and a bag  
Why don't you blow them up if you think you've been had? Here's a castle, a paper dragon and a moat  
An earring, a toothbrush and a cloak  
And if I don't keep my word  
I swear I'll keep away I swear I'll keep away from all we've ever done  
I'll keep away the good times and I'll keep away the fun  
I swear I'll join the army or maybe the marines  
I'll start to wear designer suits and put away my jeans I swear that I'll keep away from all my old-time friends  
I'll throw away my records I'll try to make amends  
I swear I'll give up gambling and playing with the rent  
I'll give up food and drinking I'll give up a life ill-spent Here's a yardstick you can measure me by  
Here's a coupon maybe there's something you want to buy  
Here's a band aid in case you cut your feet  
Here's a rubber mallet you can use on your front teeth Here's a gun no one uses anymore  
And a bracelet made of some inexpensive ore  
And if I don't keep my word  
You won't see me anymore I swear I'll keep away, from dignity and pride  
I'll keep away from abstracts, I'll keep it all inside  
Well, I'll just wrap me up in butter and melt me on a shelf  
I'll fry in my own juices an' I'll become somebody else Well, I'll just swear to keep away from everything that's  
good  
I'll lie down in a gutter where I really should  
I swear I'll light a candle to every modern foe  
I swear I'll close the book on this and not see you anymore  
'Cause I just got to get away

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