

Summer Wages

by Ian Tyson (1967)

A D A E A

A A7 D D
Never hit seventeen, when you play against the dealer
A A Bm E
And you know that the odds won't ride with you
A A7 D D
Never leave your woman alone, with your friends around to steal her
A A Bm(½) E(½) A
She'll be gambled and gone like summer wa... ges

A A7 D D
And we'll keep rollin' on till we get to Vancouver
A A Bm E
And the lady that I love she's living there
A A7 D D
It's been six long months and more since I've seen her
A A Bm(½) E(½) A
Maybe she's gambled and gone like summer wa... ges

E E D A
In all the beer parlors all down along Main Street
A A D E
The dreams of the season are spilled down on the floor
E E D A
All the big stands of timber wait there just for fallin'
A A D E E7
The hookers standin' watchfully waitin' by the door

Well I went back on them towboats with my slippery city shoes
Lord, I swore I would never do that again
Through the great, fog-bound straits, where the cedars stand waitin'
I'll be lost and gone like summer wa... ges

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A A Bm(½) E(½) A
And the years are gambled and lost like summer wa... ge