

I Don't Wanna Grow Up

Words & Music:
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D A D
When I'm lyin' in my bed at night, I don't wanna grow up.
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Nothin' ever seems to turn out right, I don't wanna grow up.
Bm F# G A
How do you move in a world of fog that's always changing things?
Bm F# G A
Makes me wish that I could be a dog---

When I see the price that you pay, I don't wanna grow up.
I don't ever want to be that way, I don't wanna grow up.
Seems like folks turn into things that they'd never want.
The only thing to live for is today.

I'm gonna put a hole in my TV set. I don't wanna grow up.
Open up the medicine chest and I don't wanna grow up.
Bm F# Bm F# [etc.]
I don't wanna have to shout it out. I don't want my hair to fall out.
I don't wanna be filled with doubt. I don't wanna be a good boy scout.
I don't wanna have to learn to count. I don't wanna have the biggest amount.
G A D
I don't wanna grow up.

INSTRUMENTAL VERSE:

Well, when I see my parents fight, I don't wanna grow up.
They all go out and drinkin' all night and I don't wanna grow up.
Bm F# Bm F#
I'd rather stay here in my room. Nothin' out there but sad and gloom.
Bm F# G A
I don't wanna live in a big, old tomb on Grant Street

When I see the 5 o'clock news, I don't wanna grow up.
Comb their hair and shine their shoes, I don't wanna grow up.
Bm F# Bm F# [etc.]
Stay around in my old hometown. I don't wanna put no money down.
I don't wanna get me a big old loan. Work them fingers to the bone.
I don't wanna float a broom. Fall in love and get married then boom.
How the hell did it get here so soon?
G A D
I don't wanna grow up.