

Sixteen Going on Seventeen

You wait little girl on an empty stage
For fate to turn the light on
Your life little girl is an empty page
That men will want to write on
To write on

You are sixteen, going on seventeen
Baby, it's time to think!
Better beware, be canny and careful
Baby, you're on the brink

You are sixteen going on seventeen
Fellow will fall in line
Eager young lads and rouès and lads will offer you food and wine
Totally unprepared are you
To face a world of men
Timid and shy and scared are you of things beyond your ken

You need someone older and wiser
Telling you what to do
I am seventeen going on eighteen,
I'll take care of you

I am sixteen going on seventeen
I know that I'm naive.
Fellows I meet may tell me I'm sweet and willingly I'll believe
I am sixteen going on seventeen,
Innocent as a rose
Bachelor dandies, drinkers of brandies what do I know of those?

Totally unprepared am I
To face a world of men
Timid and shy and scared am I of things beyond ken
I need someone older and wiser
Telling me what to do
You are seventeen going on eighteen

I'll depend on you

A bell is no bell till you ring it
A song is not a song till you sing it
And love in your heart wasn't put there to stay
Love isn't love till you give it away

When you're sixteen going on seventeen
Waiting for life to start
Somebody kind who touches your mind will suddenly touch your
heart!

When that happens,
After it happens nothing is quite the same
Somehow you know you'll jump up and go if ever he calls your
name!

Gone are your old ideas of life the old ideas grow dim
Lo and behold!
You're someone's wife and you belong to him!

You may think this kind of adventure never may come to you
Darling sixteen going on seventeen
Wait a year or two