

# SUBTERRANEAN HOMESICK BLUES

**Bob Dylan**

Intro: **A**      **A**

**A**                      **A**  
Johnnys in the basement  
Mixing up the medicine  
Im on the pavement  
Thinking about the government  
The man in the trench coat  
Badge out, laid off  
Says hes got a bad cough  
Wants to get it paid off

**D**  
Look out kid

**D**  
Its somethin you did

**A**  
God knows when  
But youre doin it again  
You better duck down the alley way  
Lookin for a new friend

**E**  
The man in the coon-skin cap  
In the big pen

**A**  
Wants eleven dollar bills  
You only got ten

**A**                      **A**  
Maggie comes fleet foot  
Face full of black soot  
Talkin that the heat put  
Plants in the bed but  
The phones tapped anyway  
Maggie says that many say  
They must bust in early may  
Orders from the d. a.

**D**  
Look out kid

**D**  
Dont matter what you did

**A**  
Walk on your tip toes  
Dont try no doz  
Better stay away from those  
That carry around a fire hose

**E**

Keep a clean nose  
Watch the plain clothes

**A**

You dont need a weather man  
To know which way the wind blows

**A**

**A**

Get sick, get well  
Hang around a ink well  
Ring bell, hard to tell  
If anything is goin to sell  
Try hard, get barred  
Get back, write braille  
Get jailed, jump bail  
Join the army, if you fail

**D**

Look out kid

**D**

Youre gonna get hit

**A**

But losers, cheaters  
Six-time users  
Hang around the theaters

**E**

Girl by the whirlpool  
Lookin for a new fool

**A**

Dont follow leaders  
Watch the parkin meters

**A**

**A**

Ah get born, keep warm  
Short pants, romance, learn to dance  
Get dressed, get blessed  
Try to be a success  
Please her, please him, buy gifts  
Dont steal, dont lift  
Twenty years of schoolin  
And they put you on the day shift

**D**

Look out kid

**D**

They keep it all hid

**A**

Better jump down a manhole  
Light yourself a candle  
Dont wear sandals  
Try to avoid the scandals

**E**

Dont wanna be a bum

You better chew gum

**A**

The pump dont work

cause the vandals took the handles

**A**

**A**