

# I'll Never Play Jacksonville Again

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Two young girls were swept down the culverts in the rain  
St. Petersburg was flooded again  
I reached my hand out for them but I watched them slip away  
And I had to get up to Jacksonville that day

I don't need anyone to remind me  
I don't get the big picture  
I don't need anybody to find me  
Hangin' from a lighting fixture and

I'll never play Jacksonville again  
I'll never get on that southbound aeroplane  
They gave me a ticket pointed me south  
Gave me five hundred bucks to shut my mouth

I'll never play Jacksonville  
I'll never have that weird thrill  
I'll never play Jacksonville again, again

The road was like a river, the fields were like the sea  
The thunder clouds were closin' in on me  
I gunned that motor onward up route 1-95  
Checked my pulse, yep, still alive

I don't need anyone to remind me  
To take my hand out of a fire  
I don't need anybody to find me  
Tied up with piano wiring

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They put me on at the milk bar and said, "Hey, good luck, kid  
Here's your Jagermeister, here's half a lid?  
Put the past behind you, it's over, pay your bill  
This is where it ends now, Jacksonville

I don't need anyone to remind me  
I'm on the end of a skewer  
I don't need anybody to find me  
Floatin' around in the sewer

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I'll never have that weird thrill  
I'll never play Jacksonville again, yeah, yeah, yeah

I'll never play Jacksonville  
Never, never, never play Jacksonville  
No, I'll never, no, I'll never  
No, I'll never play Jacksonville  
No, I'll never, no, I'll never  
No, I'll never play Jacksonville again, again