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Don't Check the Score

Oh, the wind is twisting Up the plastic bags In the Christmas lights And the store front flags

Well, they brought you home That December night Sirens flashing Like the Fourth of July Like the Fourth of July

You left your lipstick kissed into a paper cup Half filled with ginger ale and rum I think sometimes you let on a tenth of what you know I wish you'd say goodbye the next time you go

The sun is coming up And my heart is filled with hope The sidewalks are empty Seven stories below

Well, they sent you off On a Peter Pan, on a Peter Pan bus And you came back looking Like the rest of us I don't, I don't keep score anymore I swear

Now the fence is stuffed with dixie cups There's a thread of red bugs winding up I wish you'd say goodbye sometimes I wish you'd say goodbye next time I wish you'd say goodbye the next time you go The next time you go

But we all love you of course We all love you of course That's what your friends are for That's what your friends are for Don't worry, don't worry about the score Don't worry about the score Don't check the score We all love you of course