

Four is a Magic Number

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Four is a magic number
But then again so is five
There's a sinking sinner in your gutter
He's the happiest man alive

Every time I sit you down
To tell you, "Search your soul"
For safety sake, remember please
This boy, he don't know

And the cross is a sacred symbol
But then again so is the fish
And the priest who makes you tremble
Prays for stars on which to wish

Every time I sit you down
To show what must be shown
For safety sake, remember please
None of it is really known

Earth is a mystery mother
But then again so is mom
Jesus didn't go no further
Than any Harry, Dick or Tom

Every time I sit you down
To tell you what is true
For safety sake, remember please
I would shut up if I knew