

# Dudley Saunders, Seventeen

come down daddy  
set your clothes on fire  
lay your body down  
in the middle of the night  
tell me pretty stories  
about things you believe  
things you get  
things you leave

'cause the stars pour down  
just like an ocean in the sky  
I'm caught up in the undertow  
and I I I I  
can't believe  
I'm sitting still  
I took that pill  
and I  
am just so  
high  
just so high

now the days disappear  
and the nights run away  
like answer to arguments  
you never got to say  
and it's october cold tomorrow  
and springtime yesterday  
and today?  
today  
pass that joint this way

I got my own life  
on my own side  
I got whisky  
when I'm out of beer  
I got all the things  
I never should have tried  
and I got one thing  
that worked its way  
right through to here  
hold it up to the light  
shut one eye and peer  
right into it like a crystal ball  
like a telescope  
do you see  
do you see what I see here

and right now it's warm as thunder  
when there isn't any rain  
and a million miles away  
is where that storm is gonna break

and I'll do the things  
I'm dying to do  
and baby, dead  
dead is on the way  
well they tell me that's what mama  
had to say

I got my own life  
on my own side  
I got whisky  
when I'm out of beer

I got all the things  
I never should have tried  
I am seventeen  
and it feels so queer  
sick and bad and disgusting  
I am seventeen  
and I  
I  
want to get  
high