



WHAT I
WANT TO
BE
WHEN I
GROW
UP!



A Musical Puppet Show
starring Silly Milly and the Vitamins

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--*Lyrics and
Picture Book*--





In 2003, I asked some of my puppets what they wanted to be when they grew up. They were very excited to answer! The result is this collection of songs which literally flew out of their mouths.

I dutifully transcribed what I heard into musical notes, voice, and video. I'm grateful for their lessons about life, love, and how to constantly dream!

Links to some of the videos are listed below, or watch the playlist starting here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBtAL79YSLM&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=1>

Hope you enjoy it!

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I'm Gonna Buy Me a Racing Car
(sung by Harry the Hippie)



I'm gonna buy me a racing car
Gonna drive real fast
Gonna go real far
Gonna make it baby,
Just wait and see!

And in the night when you come to me
We're gonna rock and roll around.
And in the night when you take my hand
We're gonna roll all over the sand!

I'm gonna buy me a racing car
Gonna drive real fast
Gonna go real far
Gonna make it baby,
Just wait and see!

I Wanna Be a Hero

(Sung by Sugar Mu)



*Oh I wanna be a hero
Fight monsters wherever I go
Protect us each night and every day.
I'll fight the biggest dragons
And start all over again
If somebody needed me
to come their way.*

*I'd be a friend, to everyone
I'd stick my head up, toward the sun
Dreams would come true every night
I'd make the world feel just right!*

*Oh I wanna be a hero
Fight monsters wherever I go
Protect us each night and every day.
There'd be nothing to be afraid of
In a world that dreams are made of
Where you can be anything at all...*

(See video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBt4L79YSLM&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=1>)

Give Me My Toys!
(Or the Eternal Child in Everyone!)
(Sung by the Overgrown Kid)



*Well, you know what I want to be
when I grow up?
Fer...get it!*

*I'm gonna be a kid till the day I die
'cause I want the freedom to scream and
cry!
I'm gonna spill my milk and make a mess
And you know me I'll never confess!*

*It's a bad, bad world when you have to be
A grown up who acts with grace and
dignity.*

*What a bunch of junk and hype
I'd rather be the mischievous trickster type!*

*So give me my toys I want them now
Or you know who will begin to howl!
Gimme, gimme, it's all mine
I want it all, all the time!!!*

(See video at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnE_ujrgv_w&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=2)

My Stew
(Sung by Chez Noodle)



*Oh I've been sitting around at the table,
Having to eat what my mother prepared
Why couldn't I just eat potato chips?
Her cooking always made me scared.*

*Oh I've been sitting around so many tables
Wondering why they're all so bland
But now I decided to break out
To take matters right in my hands!*

*Oh I will cook something
That will make your heart start to sing
It will have a base, full of garlic taste
And I will add a touch, from my basil bunch*

Oh ho ho ho, my stew!

*Oh I've been sitting around at the office
Wondering what my life has become
Going from one routine to the other
Whatever happened to pasta and fun?*

*Oh I will make a cake to rival any steak
It will be supreme, full of delicious cream
It will make you swoon
Demolish all your gloom*

Oh ho ho ho, my cake!

*I will make you swoon
Demolish all your gloom
Oh ho ho ho, my cake!!*

*Dreams are Just a Child's Fantasy
(Sung-Spoken by Groucho Gloom)*



*So you think you're
gonna be somebody one day?
Ha!*

*So what do you think you'll find
when you're older than three
But a sick dying world
Waiting for you and me.*

*It'll zap your energy
Steal your drive
Make you dizzy, crazy
And miserable inside!*

*You'll try to be your best
To make things right
And the whole thing will be*

*one exhausting fight.
Cause you'll never be
anything just see
you'll get bitter and angry
and look just like me
Cause your dreams are just
a child's fantasy.*

*So drop it now
You won't feel the bite
On your dying bed
You'll know life wasn't quite right*

*You never became what
you wanted or hoped
Your regrets come pouring back
At the end of your rope*

*"Oh I should have done this
Or I should have done that."
Well let me save you time
you're just an old dying cat!*

*Cause you know what you want
Will never be
Cause your dreams are just
A child's fantasy
Your dreams are just
A child's fantasy
Your dreams are just
A child's fantasy!*

(See video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L344XtastT8&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=6>)

*I'm Ready to Fly
(Sung by Golden Hair)*



*I'm ready to fly
ready to go.
I almost have wings
to take me home.
But it all fades so fast.*

*If I had my way
I'd be a bird.
Free to fly
on words unheard.
on words unheard.*

*Will someone
Help me
Fly?*

(See video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C54SXyVtBk&list=PLC322AF35F29BBF94&index=7>)

Doo Wap Love
(sung by Sexy Tomato)



Oh yes I'm young
But soon I'll be old
Then I'll do, not what I'm told!

And in the night when you come to me
I'll be waiting for you!

Ohhh, doo wap, ohhh

I met a friend, mmm, very sweet
Nearly swept me right off my feet
And when you come to carry me away
That'll be my lucky day

Ohhh, doo wap, ohhh

(See video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gt71YOOVwOM&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=3>)

We'll Go Dancing in the Dark
(Sung by Sammy Suave)



*We'll go dancing in the dark
While the moon is in the sky
Our bodies swaying to and fro
My sweet darling and I*

*We'll be moving in the wind
As it blows music through the air
The earth will float among the stars
And you and I are there!*

*Oh darling, what have you done to me?
Oh my darling, you set us out to sea
Oh darling, I hope this night will never end
Oh my darling, together we will blend.*

I Want to be Nothing
(Recited by No One)

*Oh to be nothing,
To just roam all around
Without any form
Through rivers
Through towns.*

*To let go of my thinking
To drop my willful head
To be open and empty
Like when I'm dead.*

*"It" will start to move me
Make me dance, leap, and fall
I won't "do" anything
Because "It" does it all.*

Dog Song: Go Right Out the Door!

(Sung by Lazy Dog to its master)



*You said,
I should get up and go for a walk
But all I wanna do
is lay here on the floor
Yeah I know it's late,
and I hate to make you wait
So why don't you just go yourself
right out the door?*

*You said I should be productive
Well, that has such a nice sounding
ring*

*But I'm lazy and sore, and I can't get off
this cozy floor*

*So why don't you just go yourself
right out the door?*

*Oh, I'm so tired of trying to make you happy
I'm tired of having to do something new
I just wanna lay here, and drink a beer
And leave the rest of the "doing" all to you!*

*Oh, what's wrong with just being happy?
And doing nothing much but taking a shnooze?*

*Oh it feels so good, just like it should
So why not give in, there's nothing to lose?*

*I'm so tired of trying to make you happy
I'm tired of trying to do something new.
I wanna just lay here, and drink a beer
And leave the rest of the "doing" all to you.*

*I wanna just lay here, and drink a beer
And leave the rest of the "doing" all to you!*

(See video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVSN1w9MZmo&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=4>)

The Champs Elysees
(Sung by the Arnaldo the Hopeful Artist)



*At a shady table on a warm sunny day
Sipping our coffee on the Champs Elysees
Oh, to be an artist, to paint blue and gold
But is there really time, or am I now, too old?*

*Desperate to fly way up in the air
So I can turn somersaults, wild flowers in my hair
Standing up took in a great breath
And in a moment great winds did the rest!*

*Oh, I want to dream on the Champs Elysees
Of poets and jugglers passing this way
The wine tastes delightful whirls me in a spin
Sensing our romance from the places that we've been...*

*Desperate to fly way up in the air
So I can turn somersaults, wild flowers in my hair
Standing up took in a big breath
And in a moment great winds did the rest!*

When My Thoughts Turn into Music
(sung by the Musician)



*One day I'll write a concerto
To make your heart soar
And all I ask of you my friend
Is to listen, nothing more*

*When will the day come
When all my thoughts
Turn into music?
Ohhhh*

(See video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTWl3EYrCa4&index=8&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94>)

*I Want to be an Academician
(sung by the Academician)*



*I want to be an academician
Wandering through the halls of universities
Devouring books of every kind
With my enormous mind
Oh my future is plain to see!*

*I'm going to be a great professor
I'll pontificate about things beyond your grasp!
The complicated thoughts that I'll express
Will make you nod your heads and guess
What I'm really talking about!*

*I'll write a thousand intelligent papers
On topics that span the universe
I won't relate to ordinary things
Unless I can discover what they mean!
Oh my future is spelled in verse*

*And in the night, when I'm studying
I'll find the keys!*

*Oh I'll accumulate so many degrees
From PhD's to Ms's and A's
In school it will be quite clear
I could skip ahead light years
Oh it's all so clear to me!*

*Oh, I want to be an academician
Wandering through the halls of universities
Devouring books of every kind
With my enormous mind
Oh my future is plain to see
At least to me!*

(See video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFJQwk7Gxlg&index=5&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94>.)

Mother of our Country
(Sung by Sugar Mu)



*I'll be a home to the courageous
And the ones who run scared
I'll be a home to the animals
From the mountains to the air*

*I'll be the mother of our country
From the mountains to the seas
I'm the earth that we walk on
That allows us to be*

*I love you more, than life itself
Come to me, when there's no one else*

*I'm the mother of our country
From the mountains to the seas
I'm the earth that we walk on
The earth that we walk on*

*The earth that we walk on
That allows us to be.*

(See new video of this song without the puppet at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z7zA4dE>.)

Silly Milly
(sung by Silly Milly)



*Oh if it's raining outside it's just all right
I just put up my umbrella and feel so light
When I'm ready to roll, I'll fluff up my hair
Shake off my feathers put my head in the air!*

*Silly Milly
Ohhhh, Silly Milly, ohhhh
If I wake up in the morning
Feeling down or blue
I just pick up my umbrella
And strut on over to you!
Silly Milly, Silly Milly*

*Well there's nothing to lose, you can only win
When you try anything just give it a spin
Your nose starts to twitch, your shoulders start to rock
How's that for a singing sock?*

*Silly Milly
ohhh Silly Milly, ohhh
If I wake up in the morning
Feeling down or blue
I just pick up my umbrella
And strut on over to you!
Silly Milly, Silly Milly*

*Oh when Silly Milly's singing her song
Some might think that she's all wrong
But let me tell you folks when Milly's a-fire
You never know what's gonna transpire!*

*Silly Milly
ohhh Silly Milly, ohhh
If I wake up in the morning
feeling down or blue
We just pick up our umbrella
And start dancing too!
Silly Milly, Silly Milly
(repeat)*

(See video at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2Js_VeFHau&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=9)