## Cliff Richard "The Gambling Song"

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The wheels forever spinning
The dice are thrown and scatter
The words are all of winning
But only numbers matter

We bet on our existence We'll last another round The lucky go the distance The losers go to ground

From birth to death we gamble
The lots are daily cast
No warning or preamble
Which one will be your last

There is a great comfort in pure hatred For envy's not enough, not enough The soothing joy of malice Is made of sterner stuff, sterner stuff The failure of a father The torment of a son Is a recipe to justify The worst that could be done

He'll destroy us unless we call a halt Should the bastard steal our birthright It will be our fault

The race is won by cunning

A terrifying dance Too complex in the running To leave it all to chance

But chance is all we're given So chances we must take The gambler's stake is driven Through hearts that dare not break

But all save one are broken As fatal points are scored And one surviving token Holds sway across the board

There's a moment when the game's balance
Tilts the other way, the other way
When the odds begin to favour
Outsiders in the play, in the play
The failure of incumbents
The sleazy tricks they use
Mean that those who think they call
The tune can only lose

Deal the cards, it won't matter how they fall Because nothing is a gamble when you want it all

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