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"The Gypsy"

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Step inside my tent, said she, "I'd like to read you
palm"
Leave the dollar in the jar, this won't take very long
Leave the circus noise behind, close your eyes, relax
your mind
I'll tell you, if you should quit now or if you should go on

Then I said, "Now what do ya see?"
She said, "Deedlee-dum, deedlee-dee"
Where'll I go, what'll I be?
She said, "Deedlee-dum, deedlee-dee"

She threw some sawdust in the air and her hands
began to shake
She told me, the town where I was born, she almost
knew the date
She lit a candle with her eyes and then she made the
table rise
She took the dollar from the jar and then she guessed
my weight

Then I said, "Now what do ya see?"
She said, "Deedlee-dum, deedlee-dee"
You are so old, you are so wise
Deedlee-dum, deedlee-dy

Give me a sign, tell it to me
She said, "Deedlee-dum, deedlee-dee"
Then she spoke most quietly
Deedlee-dum, deedlee-dee

When you we a child at school they taught you quite a
lot
You were told when you should speak and when you
should not
You were taught to read and write, to take your lessons
home at night
A little knowledge serves you well but the golden rule
does not

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Then when I came home that night to lie in bed awake
I thought of that old gypsy and the words that she had
said
And now I see with due respect, the more we learn the
worse we get
So if you feel you've no regrets, go have your fortune
read

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