

## Chico deBarge "The Game"

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Rollin' down the highway  
With a trunkful of work  
I just lost my job  
Didn't wanna be a mailroom clerk

Besides it didn't pay but dimes  
And the boss had a disrespectful mouth  
If I wasn't on parole  
I would've knocked the motherfucker out

So I'm drivin', gotta get me some fast cash  
Ain't tryin' to hurt nobody  
Mama, maybe it's wrong  
But I gotta get the money, it's a must have

If I get caught, I go back to jail with no bail  
It's the risk that I'm takin'  
I'm convinced so, ain't fakin'  
It's the life I choose

Win or lose, that's the way you play life's game  
If you play it wrong then you're the one to blame  
If I can choose I would make a change  
But it's the same old song that everybody shame

Now, I'm my own boss  
And I ain't got no friction  
'Coz I'm a bootleg pharmacist  
You don't need no prescription

[Incomprehensible] that's my law  
Tryin' to get the dough and retire  
'Coz if I stay in it too long  
The Feds gonna set my ass on fire

And if they come  
Gotta hold court in the streets  
And one of three things will happen  
I get away, get the chair or die cappin'

And if they catch me right  
And I can't fight, I go back to prison

And like my mama say, you can't always bust your gun  
She goes sometimes you gotta run

Win or lose, that's the way you play life's game  
If you play it wrong then you're the one to blame  
If I can choose I would make a change  
But it's the same old song that everybody shame

All the odds are against me  
'Coz I'm already a felon  
I'd probably die this time in jail  
'Coz I ain't doin' no tellin'

I'll probably lose the girl that I love  
She'll turn her back once the money's spent  
And play it off to her friends  
Like it was a heated argument

Win or lose, that's the way you play life's game  
And you're the one to blame  
If I can choose I would make a change  
And everybody shame

Bad game, it's a bad game, yeah  
It's a bad game, yeah, yeah  
It's a bad game, yeah, yeah, yeah

To the mother who's watching over  
You know the game ain't fair  
Sometimes you can't change their mind  
So, all you got is prayer

Win or lose, that's the way you play life's game  
Then you're the one to blame  
If I can choose I would make a change  
That everybody shame  
Win or lose, that's the way you play life's game

Listen, I ain't got that much time  
Only four minutes to sing to you  
But I hope and pray that you will listen  
While I try to school you

Bad game, bad game  
Nobody wins  
That everybody shame

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