

## Stan Rogers

### "Second Effort"

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I've been sitting here crying since long before the day  
be-gan  
With my pockets full of nothing but broken dreams and  
my head in my empty hands  
The winnings that I thought I had and come so far to  
get  
Are further away then they've ever been, they've been  
taken by anoth-er man

I wouldn't take a train for home even if I could  
Cause they've been saving their joy for the hometown  
boy who went away to make it good  
I bet they cleared away the parlour so my Ma can dance  
me in the door  
And the old man can wink, and pour me a drink and  
ask me what the tears are for

CHORUS:

It's harder to try a-gain than it was to be-gin  
A man can play a lone hand in a high stakes game, but  
it doesn't mean he's gonna win  
And somehow I've got to keep from getting further  
down  
Before I buy myself a bottle of cheap escape, and a  
ticket to anoth-er town

I know I'm not crying 'cause I think I've had it mighty  
tough  
I did my best with all the rest, but it just wasn't good e-  
nough  
And I've been working and training too long just to  
make it here  
To merely swallow my pride and walk outside and  
come back anoth-er year

REPEAT CHORUS THEN:

I want to drown in the grape and make my escape, on a  
ticket to anoth-er town

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