

**Banks Tony****"The Lie"**

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Thirty odd years before on some grass covered  
wasteland,

A boy is observed on his own who is watching and  
playing.

He's just made a pact with himself,

If that rabbit over there

Doesn't go down yonder hole,

Let the ground beneath him disappear.

And it runs on past,

Disappears in the distance

But the earth doesn't move and nobody thought that it  
would.

He makes bets and pledges again and again.

Sometimes he wins and sometimes he loses, no  
matter,

Some might call him stupid

To tempt fate in this way,

But he really does believe in it

Each time the rules are made

There he goes again,

'If I never fall for a lady, let me famous, let me be wise  
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Now this one I like,

It has a different ring,  
Instead of something trivial  
That's a serious undertaking.  
So I say to you,  
This time I think I'll act,  
I'll be a witness to this contract,  
I'll settle everything.  
So if you should ever fall in love  
You'll not only not be wise,  
You'll lose your memory and most of your mind  
And I've never been known to lie.  
And now he's not really sure if he truly heard someone,  
So what if he did, he thinks, for nothing will happen,  
And though he seems to shrug it off  
He won't play that game again,  
Forever morning after the night before  
When even one drop would cause pain.  
And the years go by.  
The incident is all but forgotten by one  
But The other who lives it remembers that innocent fun

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