Steve Forbert
"I Blinked Once"

Childhood often seemed a pain to me
So hard waiting to be grown
Childhood climbed up in a white oak tree
I blinked once and it was gone

Airplane flyin' across a midnight sky
His tiny lights blinked off and on
I watched him move across the moon on high
Well I blinked once and it was gone

Gone, gone, yeah
I blinked once and it was gone

A girl I'd met was all I cared for, friends
I called her my very own
We went down to hear the band begin
I blinked once and she was gone

Gone, gone, yeah
I blinked once and it was gone

I won big money on the gamblin' wheel
And I thought I was sittin' on a throne
Big John told me 'bout his condo deal
I blinked once and it was gone

The nineteen seventies was ten long years
Was ten long years to sing a song
It kicked off madly with a New Year's cheer
I blinked once and it was gone

That's right, it was gone, gone, yeah
I blinked once and it was gone

Now old man's talkin' 'bout a gun he'd shot
An' he weren't much more than skin and bone
Lyin' there breathin' on this worn out cot
I blinked once and he was gone

And he was gone, gone
I blinked once and he was gone, gone
I blinked once and he was gone, gone, gone

I blinked once and he was gone