JUST PLAYING THE FOOL

Wake up in the morning and the world's gone mad,

How you going to stop yourself feeling bad,

Maybe play the blues but I don't do that as a rule –

Just playing the fool.

Play it in twelve bars, or eight or nine

Play it in six bars if you're inclined

Play it in one bar but don't fall off your stool —

Just playing the fool.

Making love not war just like the poet said,

Or if you can't do that, making fun instead,

You feel a little better for a little bit of ridicule
Just playing the fool.

Feeling kind of weary at the end of the day,

Haven't got a lot of time left to play,

Not going to waste it trying to play it cool —

Just playing the fool.

Allan Richardson, 2015