

THE GAMBLER

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THE CUDDIES⁽¹⁾ ARE RUNNIN' THE DAY JOHN
AND MARJORY SAYS 'GET OOT O' MA HAIR'
BUT MIND HOW YE SPORT AND YE PLAY JOHN
DON'T FRITTER YER MONEY AWAY, DON'T FRITTER YER MONEY AWAY

HERE THEY COME ROUND NOW (JOHN TAKE CARE)
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE DOWN (JOHN, HEAR WHAT I SAY)
THEY'RE GALLOPIN' ROUND, YOUR MONEY IS DOWN
IT'S SLIPPIN' AND SLIDIN' AWAY
THE BOOKIE IS LAUGHIN' THE DAY, JOHN, YE'VE FRITTERED YER MONEY AWAY

YER TEAM IS PLAYIN' A CUP TIE
AND YOU'RE TELLIN' ME THAT THIS IS THEIR YEAR
BUT THE SIDE THEY ARE FACIN' THE DAY JOHN
WILL SURELY HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, DON'T FRITTER YER MONEY AWAY

THE PITCH IS A QUAGMIRE (JOHN BEWARE)
THEIR WINGER'S ON FIRE (JOHN, HEAR WHAT I SAY)
THEY'RE THREE NOTHIN' DOWN WI' HALF AN OOR GONE
YER TREBLE IS SLIPPIN' AWAY
IT'S NO' GONNY PEY YOU THE DAY, JOHN, YE'VE FRITTERED YER MONEY AWAY

THE PUB IS HANDY AND NEAR JOHN
HOACHIN'⁽²⁾ WI' SKIVERS LOOKIN' FOR BEER,
THEY HEARD YE'D A WINNER THE DAY JOHN
YOU'RE BETTER TAE KEEP THEM AT BAY, DON'T FRITTER YER MONEY AWAY

THEY'RE EGGIN' YOU ON NOW (JOHN TAKE CARE)
TAE BUY THEM A ROUND (JOHN, HEAR WHAT I SAY)
THEY WALLOP IT DOWN, YER MONEY IS GONE
IT'S SLIPPIN' AND SLIDIN' AWAY
THE TENNERS WERE FLYIN' THE DAY JOHN, YE'VE FRITTERED YER MONEY AWAY

THERE'S CHANCERS LOOKIN' YOUR WAY, JOHN
WI' WONDERFUL SCHEMES THEY'RE EAGER TAE SHARE
BUT THEY'RE ONLY AFTER YOUR PEY, JOHN
THEIR READY TO LEAD YOU ASTRAY, DON'T FRITTER YER MONEY AWAY

TRY TO BE WISE NOW (JOHN TAKE CARE)
LOOK AT THEIR EYES (JOHN, HEAR WHAT I SAY)
IF THEY'RE ROLLIN' AROUND AND SEARCHIN' THE GROUND
DON'T GIE' THEM THE TIME OF THE DAY
THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE A GULLIBLE PREY, JOHN, DON'T FRITTER YER MONEY AWAY

⁽¹⁾horses – ⁽²⁾filled – ⁽³⁾layabouts, good for nothings