

# Sad Boy's Sad Boy

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I ruin my hats and all the mat slides glad  
I hop my girls and all is skip again  
I jump I run you up inside my truck

The car goes looping out in dark and light  
And yellow hat slides in  
I run my mats and all the girl slides glad

I hoped you skipped me into luck  
And jump me black, ruin me glad  
I jump I run you up inside my truck

I jump my slopes and all the dopes slide glad  
I glide my luck and all is slip again  
I jump my hopes and all the rope glides sad

I skip you jump the way you said  
But I run old and sigh your name  
I ruin my mats and all the girl slides glad

At least when luck hops it skips back again  
A rune my mats and all the girls slide glad  
I jump I run you up inside my truck

*After "Mad Girl's Love Song" by Sylvia Plath*

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