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## Sixteen Going On Seventeen

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*(Rolf)*

You wait, little girl, on an empty stage  
For fate to turn the light on.  
Your life, little girl, is an empty page  
That men will want to write on,

*(Liesl)*

to write on.

*(Rolf)*

You are sixteen, going on seventeen,  
Baby, it's time to think!  
Better beware, be canny and careful,  
Baby, you're on the brink!  
You are sixteen, going on seventeen,  
Fellows will fall in line.

Eager young lads and roués and cads will offer you food and  
wine.

Totally unprepared are you  
To face a world of men.

Timid and shy and scared are you of things beyond your ken.

You need someone older and wiser  
Telling you what to do.

I am seventeen, going on eighteen,  
I'll take care of you.

*(Liesl)*

I am sixteen, going on seventeen,  
I know that I'm naïve.

Fellows I meet may tell me I'm sweet and willingly I'll believe.

I am sixteen, going on seventeen,

Innocent as a rose.

Bachelor dandies, drinkers of brandies, what do I know of  
those?

Totally unprepared am I  
To face a world of men.

Timid and shy and scared am of things beyond my ken.

I need someone older and wiser  
Telling me what to do.

You are seventeen, going on eighteen,  
I'll depend on you.

*(Maria)*

A bell is no bell till you ring it,  
A song is no song till you sing it,  
And love in you're heart wasn't put there to stay,  
Love isn't love till you give it away.

When you're sixteen, going on seventeen,  
Waiting for life to start,  
Somebody kind who touches your mind will suddenly touch  
your heart!

*(Liesl)*

When that happens, after it happens,  
nothing is quite the same.  
Somehow I know you'll jump up and go if ever  
he calls your name!

*(Maria)*

Gone are your old ideas of life, the old ideas grow dim.  
Lo and behold!

You're someone's wife and you belong to him!  
You may think this kind of adventure never may come to you  
Darling sixteen going on seventeen,  
Wait a year or two.