

Time to Pay the Price

cross waiting by the highway
children bored in school
combine in a driveway
hoping to look cool

drivers ed in summer
license in the spring
always know the answer
to questions that they bring

out on the road alone
never scared at all
talking on the phone
let's race to the mall!

driving with no hands
drifting in the snow
rocking with the band
lovely ways to go

car slips off the road
but it's not the end
guess I should have slowed
going round the bend

finally it's prom
then the after party
drinking to keep calm
driving home tardy

parents wait up late
then they find out why
their child's fate
came without a cry

senior banquet's gone
next is graduation
for me there is none
for parents no consolation

flowers on the seat
with my cap and gown
death is such a cheat
pretty speeches sound

everyone is nice
but they still know why
it was time to pay the price
my time to die.