

# What I Want to Be When I Grow Up

## Starring Silly Milly and the Vitamins!

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---Lyrics and Pictures---





*In 2003, I asked some of my puppets what they wanted to be when they grew up. They were very excited to answer! The result is this collection of songs which literally flew out of their mouths.*

*I dutifully transcribed what I heard into musical notes, voice, and video. I'm grateful for their lessons about life, love, and how to constantly dream!*

*Links to some of the videos are listed below, or watch the playlist starting here:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBtAL79YSLM&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=1>

*Amy Mindell*

# *I'm Gonna Buy Me a Racing Car*

*(sung by Harry the Hippie)*



*I'm gonna buy me a racing car  
Gonna drive real fast  
Gonna go real far  
Gonna make it baby,  
Just wait and see!*

*And in the night when you come to me  
We're gonna rock and roll around.  
And in the night when you take my hand  
We're gonna roll all over the sand!*

*I'm gonna buy me a racing car  
Gonna drive real fast  
Gonna go real far  
Gonna make it baby,  
Just wait and see!*

# *I Wanna Be a Hero*

*(Sung by Sugar Mu)*



*Oh I wanna be a hero  
Fight monsters wherever I go  
Protect us each night and every day.  
I'll fight the biggest dragons  
And start all over again  
If somebody needed me  
to come their way.*

*I'd be a friend, to everyone  
I'd stick my head up, toward the sun  
Dreams would come true every night  
I'd make the world feel just right!*

*Oh I wanna be a hero  
Fight monsters wherever I go  
Protect us each night and every day.  
There'd be nothing to be afraid of  
In a world that dreams are made of  
Where you can be anything at all...*

*(See video at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBt4L79YSLM&list=PLC322AF35E298BF94&index=1>)

*Give Me My Toys!*  
*(Or the Eternal Child in Everyone!)*  
*(Sung by the Overgrown Kid)*



*Well, you know what I want to be  
when I grow up?  
Fer...get it!*

*I'm gonna be a kid till the day I die  
'cause I want the freedom to scream and cry!  
I'm gonna spill my milk and make a mess  
And you know me I'll never confess!*

*It's a bad, bad world when you have to be  
A grown up who acts with grace and dignity.  
What a bunch of junk and hype  
I'd rather be the mischievous trickster type!*

*So give me my toys I want them now  
Or you know who will begin to howl!  
Gimme, gimme, it's all mine  
I want it all, all the time!!!*

*(See video at:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnE\\_ujrgv\\_w&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnE_ujrgv_w&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=2))

*My Stew*  
*(Sung by Chez Noodle)*



*Oh I've been sitting around at the table,  
Having to eat what my mother prepared  
Why couldn't I just eat potato chips?  
Her cooking always made me scared.*

*Oh I've been sitting around so many tables  
Wondering why they're all so bland  
But now I decided to break out  
To take matters right in my hand!*

*Oh I will cook something  
That will make your heart start to sing  
It will have a base full of garlic taste  
And I will add a touch from my basil bunch  
Oh ho ho ho, my stew!*

*Oh I've been sitting around at the office  
Wondering what my life has become  
Going from one routine to the other  
Whatever happened to pasta and fun?*

*Oh I will make a cake to rival any steak  
It will be supreme full of delicious cream  
It will make you swoon  
Demolish all your gloom*

*Oh ho ho ho, my cake!*

*I will make you swoon  
Demolish all your gloom  
Oh ho ho ho, my cake!!*

*Dreams are Just a Child's Fantasy*  
*(Sung by Groucho Gloom)*



*So you think you're  
gonna be somebody one day?*

*Ha!*

*So what do you think you'll find  
when you're older than three  
But a sick dying world  
Waiting for you and me.*

*It'll zap your energy  
Steal your drive  
Make you dizzy, crazy  
And miserable inside!*

*You'll try to be your best  
To make things right  
And the whole thing will be  
one exhausting fight.*



*Cause you'll never be  
anything just see  
you'll get bitter and angry  
and look just like me  
Cause your dreams are just  
a child's fantasy.*

*So drop it now  
You won't feel the bite  
On your dying bed  
You'll know life wasn't quite right*

*You never became what  
you wanted or hoped  
Your regrets come pouring back  
At the end of your rope*

*"Oh I should have done this  
Or I should have done that."  
Well let me save you time  
you're just an old dying cat!*

*Cause you know what you want  
Will never be  
Cause your dreams are just  
A child's fantasy  
Your dreams are just  
A child's fantasy  
Your dreams are just  
A child's fantasy!*

*(See video at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L344XtastT8&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=6>)

*I'm Ready to Fly*  
*(Sung by Golden Hair)*



*I'm ready to fly  
ready to go.  
I almost have wings  
to take me home.*

*But it all fades so fast.*

*If I had my way  
I'd be a bird.  
Free to fly  
on words unheard.*

*on words unheard.*

*Will someone  
Help me  
Fly?*

*(See video at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5l4SXyVtBk&list=PLC322AF35E29BBE94&index=7>)

*Doo Wap Love*  
*(sung by Sexy Tomato)*



*Oh yes I'm young*  
*B soon I'll be old*  
*Then I'll do, not what I'm told*

*And in the night when you come to me*  
*I'll be waiting for you!*

*Ohhh, doo wap, ohhh*

*I met a friend, mmm, very sweet*  
*Nearly swept me right off my feet*  
*And when you come to carry me away*  
*That'll be my lucky day*

*Ohhh, doo wap, ohhh*

*(See video at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gt71Y00VwOM&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=3>)

*My Sweet Darling and I*  
*(Sung by Sammy Suave)*



*We'll go dancing in the dark  
While the moon is in the sky  
Our bodies swaying to and fro  
My sweet darling and I*

*We'll be moving in the wind  
As it blows music through the air  
The earth will float among the stars  
And you and I are there!*

*Oh darling, what have you done to me?  
Oh my darling, you set us out to sea  
Oh darling, I hope this night will never end  
Oh my darling, together we will blend.*

*I Want to be Nothing*  
*(Recited by No One)*

*Oh to be nothing,  
To just roam all around  
Without any form  
Through rivers  
Through towns.*

*To let go of my thinking  
To drop my willful head  
To be open and empty  
Like when I'm dead.*

*"It" will start to move me  
Make me dance, leap, and fall  
I won't "do" anything  
Because "It" does it all.*

## *Dog Song: Go Right Out the Door!*

*(Sung by Lazy Dog to its master)*



*You said, I should get up and go for a walk  
But all I wanna do is lay here on the floor  
Yeah I know it's late,  
and I hate to make you wait  
So why don't you just go yourself right out  
the door?*

*You said I should be productive  
Well yeah that has a nice sounding ring  
But I'm lazy and sore And I can't get off  
this cozy floor  
So why don't you just take yourself  
right out the door?*

*Oh, I'm so tired of trying to make you happy  
I'm tired of having to do something new  
I just wanna lay here, and drink a beer  
And leave the rest of the "doing" all to you!*

*Oh, what's wrong with just being happy?  
And doing nothing much but taking a shnooze?  
Oh it feels so good, just like it should  
So why not give in, there's nothing to lose?*

*I'm so tired of trying to make you happy  
I'm tired of trying to do something new.  
I wanna just lay here, and drink a beer  
And leave the rest of the "doing" all to you.*

*I wanna just lay here, and drink a beer  
And leave the rest of the "doing" all to you!*

*(See video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVSN1w9MZmo&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=4>)*

*The Champs Elysees*  
*(Sung by the Hopeful Artist)*



*At a shady table on a warm sunny day  
Sipping our coffee on the Champs Elysees  
Oh, to be an artist, to paint blue and gold  
But is there really time, or am I now, too old?*

*Desperate to fly way up in the air  
So I can turn somersaults, wild flowers in my hair  
Standing up took in a great breath  
And in a moment great winds did the rest!*

*Oh, I want to dream on the Champs Elysees  
Of poets and jugglers passing this way  
The wine tastes delightful whirls me in a spin  
Sensing our romance from the places that we've been...*

*Desperate to fly way up in the air  
So I can turn somersaults, wild flowers in my hair  
Standing up took in a big breath  
And in a moment great winds did the rest!*

*When My Thoughts Turn into Music*  
*(sung by the Musician)*



*One day I'll write a concerto  
To make your heart soar  
And all I ask of you my friend  
Is to listen, nothing more*

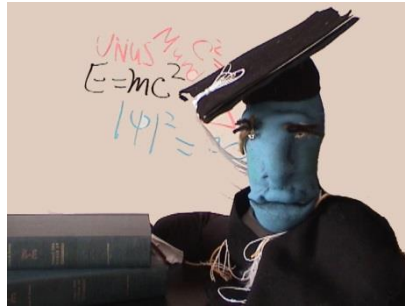
*When will the day come  
When all my thoughts  
Turn into music?  
Ohhhh*

*(See video at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTWl3EYrCa4&index=8&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94>)



*I Want to be an Academician*  
*(sung by the Academician)*



*I want to be an academician*  
*Wandering through the halls of universities*  
*Devouring books of every kind*  
*With my enormous mind*  
*Oh my future is plain to see!*

*I'm going to be a great professor*  
*I'll pontificate about things beyond your grasp*  
*The complicated thoughts that I'll express*  
*Will make you nod your heads and guess*  
*What I'm really talking about!*

*I'll write a 1000 intelligent papers*  
*On topics that span the universe*  
*I won't relate to ordinary things*  
*Unless I can discover what they mean*  
*Oh my future is spelled in verse*

*And in the night, when I'm studying*  
*I'll find the keys!*

*Oh I'll accumulate so many degrees  
From PhD's to Ms's and A's  
In school it will be quite clear  
I could skip ahead light years  
Oh it's all so clear to me!*

*Oh, I want to be an academician  
Wandering through the halls of universities  
Devouring books of every kind  
With my enormous mind  
Oh my future is plain to see  
At least to me!*

*(See video at:*

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFJQwk7Gxlg&index=5&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94>)*

*Mother of our Country*  
*(Sung by Sugar Mu)*



*I'll be a home to the courageous  
And the ones who run scared  
I'll be a home to the animals  
From the mountains to the air*

*I'll be the mother of our country  
From the mountains to the seas  
I'm the earth that we walk on  
That allows us to be*

*I love you more  
Than life itself  
Come to me  
When there's no one else*

*I'm the mother of our country  
From the mountains to the seas  
I'm the earth that we walk on  
The earth that we walk on  
The earth that we walk on  
That allows us to be.*

*(See new video of this song without the puppet at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMWRd1UlukM>)*

*Silly Milly*  
*(sung by Silly Milly)*



*Oh if it's raining outside it's just all right  
I just put up my umbrella and feel so light  
When I'm ready to roll I fluff up my hair  
Shake off my feathers put my head in the air!*

*Silly Milly  
Ohhhh, Silly Milly ohhhhh  
If I wake up in the morning  
Feeling down or blue  
I just pick up my umbrella  
And strut on over to you!  
Silly Milly, Silly Milly*

*Well there's nothing to lose, you can only win  
When you try anything just give it a spin  
Your nose starts to twitch, your shoulders start to rock  
How's that for a singing sock?!*

*Silly Milly*  
*ohhh Silly Milly, ohhh*  
*If I wake up in the morning*  
*Feeling down or blue*  
*I just pick up my umbrella*  
*And strut on over to you!*  
*Silly Milly, Silly Milly*

*Oh when Silly Milly's singing her song*  
*Some might think that she's all wrong*  
*But let me tell you folks when Milly's a-fire*  
*You never know what's gonna transpire!*

*Silly Milly*  
*ohhh Silly Milly, ohhh*  
*If I wake up in the morning*  
*feeling down or blue*  
*We just pick up our umbrella*  
*And start dancing too!*  
*Silly Milly, Silly Milly*  
*(repeat)*

*(See video at:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2Js\\_VFfHAU&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=9](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2Js_VFfHAU&list=PLC322AF35E29BBF94&index=9))