

# Bob Dylan, Talkin' Bear Mountain Picnic Massacr

I saw it advertised one day  
Bear Mountain picnic was comin' my way  
"Come along 'n' take a trip  
We'll bring you up there on a ship  
Bring the wife and kids  
Bring the whole family."  
Yippee!

Well, I run right down 'n' bought a ticket  
To this Bear Mountain Picnic  
But little did I realize  
I was in for a picnic surprise  
Had nothin' to do with mountains  
I didn't even come close to a bear

Took the wife 'n' kids down to the pier  
Six thousand people there  
Everybody had ticket for the trip  
"Oh well." I said, "it's a pretty big ship  
Besides, anyway, the more the merrier."

Well, we all got on 'n' what d'ya think  
That big old boat started t' sink  
More people kept a-pilin' on  
That old ship was a-slowly goin' down  
Funny way t' start a picnic

Well, I soon lost track of m' kids 'n' wife  
So many people there I never saw in m' life  
That old ship sinkin' down in the water  
Six thousand people tryin' t' kill each other  
Dogs a-barkin', cats a-meowin'  
Women screamin', fists a-flyin', babies cryin'  
Cops a-comin', me a-runnin'  
Maybe we just better call off the picnic

I got shoved down 'n' pushed around  
All I could hear there was a screamin' sound  
Don't remember one thing more  
Just remember walkin' up on a little shore  
Head busted, stomach cracked  
Feet splintered, I was bald, naked...  
Quite lucky to be alive though

Feelin' like I climbed outa m' casket  
I grabbed back hold of m' picnic basket  
Took the wife 'n' kids 'n' started home  
Wishin' I'd never got up that morn

Now, I don't care just what you do  
If you wanta have a picnic, that's up t' you  
But don't tell me about it, I don't wanta hear it  
'Cause, see, I just lost all m' picnic spirit  
Stay in m' kitchen, have m' own picnic...  
In the bathroom

Now, it don't seem to me quite so funny  
What some people are gonna do f'r money  
There's a bran' new gimmick every day  
Just t' take somebody's money away  
I think we oughta take some o' these people  
And put 'em on a boat, send 'em up to Bear Mountain...  
For a picnic