

I Wish I Was Eighteen Again  
Words & Music by Sonny Throckmorton  
Recorded by George Burns, 1980

E A F#7 Bm A Bm  
At a bar down in Dallas an old man chimed in,  
Bm7-5 E7-9 Fdim A E Cm7-5 E7  
And I thought he was out of his head.

E A F#7 Bm A Bm  
Just being a young man I just laughed it off  
D9 A E Bm7-5 E7/6 E7 A  
When I heard what that old man had said.

E Cm7-5 E7 A F#7 Bm A Bm  
He said I'll never again turn the young ladies heads,  
Bm7-5 E7-9 Fdim A E Cm7-5  
Or go running off in - to the wind.

E7 A F#7 Bm A Bm  
I'm three quarters home from the start to the end.  
D9 A E Bm7-5 E7/6 E7 A  
And I wish I was eight - teen a - gain.

Refrain:

A F#7 Bm D9 Bm7-5 E7/6 E7 A  
I wish I was eighteen again, and going where I've nev - er been.

A F#7 D9 Bm7-5 Gdim D  
But old folks and old oaks standing tall just pre - tend.

D9 A E Bm7-5 E7/6 E7 A  
I wish I was eigh - teen a - gain.

E A F#7 Bm A Bm  
Now time turns the pages, and oh, life goes so fast.

D9 Bm7-5 E7-9 Fdim A E Cm7-5 E7  
The years turn the black hair all grey.

E A F#7 Bm A Bm  
I talked to some young folks -- hey they don't understand

D9 A E Bm7-5 E7/6 E7 A  
The words this old man's got to say.

A F#7 Bm D9 Bm7-5 E7/6 E7 A  
I wish I was eighteen again, and going where I've nev - er been.

A F#7 D9 Bm7-5 Gdim D  
But old folks and old oaks standing tall just pre - tend.

D9 A E Bm7-5 E7/6 E7 A  
I wish I was eigh - teen a - gain.

Instrumental Interlude:

| A | F#7 | D9 Bm7-5 Gdim | D |

          D9  A  E  Bm7-5  E7/6  E7  A  
Lord I wish I was eigh - teen a - gain