**Seventeen**

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Stand pat at seventeen.

Never hold a kicker.

Don't drink at the Table.

Never make a scene.

Never cut your Liquor.

Always play them straight.

Never please them wild.

Always pull your freight.

Always pull your load.

Always play and walk in style.

Help the Stranger on the Road.

Go the extra mile.

Turn the other cheek.

Try to do whats right.

Never cut and run.

If you need to stand and fight.

Try to keep your feet.

As long as you are able.

Assume all women cats dogs will scratch bite are mean.

Life is but a fable.

Never pull a punch.

Strike while the Iron is hot.

There is no free lunch.

A lye will never quit hurting.

It will really hurt a lot.

Never lose your temper.

Speak in anger.

Know self flash of heat.

If words acts deeds things seem wrong or bad.

Cool. Calm. Collected.

Those that the God would destroy.

First they drive them mad.

Never trust a lady.

Who says she is just a friend.

True at first she maybe.

Until the party ends.

Watch side windows and alleys.

When you are fighting in the streets.

Listen careful.

Take a good look.

At every one you meet.

Doesn't really matter much.

To care for would or should or could.

Just make sure your head is there.

You always keep your word.

Every gun is loaded.

Every gun will kill.

Some because someone wants to.

Some just because they will.

Money may be nice.

More money may be more.

But try to live on money with no food and water.

Now you're really poor.

Try to keep it on the road.

Keep it in the tracks.

Love and Life are a heavy load.

So always watch your back.

Never give an inch.

But always cut some slack.

Stand alone and strong for what matters.

Never fear the pack.

Hit the target before you pull the trigger.

Win before you attack.

Live with love and grace.

Mercy strength and care.

Care not for Time nor Space.

Life is what you dare.

Live to think know and see.

Beware the curse of haste.

Take the time to be.

Sometimes no means yes.

Sometimes no means no.

Awful hard to guess.

If you are wrong a real bad show.

Life's a rodeo .

Open up the gate.

Shake and Rattle.

Let it out and go.

Have to make the eight to win.

Doesn't help to place or show.

Sometimes it seems as though.

The Bells may ring but then.

It still don't help to see or know.

All that seems to count.

Is where or when.

The current flows or North Wind blows.

If you want to sink or swim.

Beware the undertow.

On the outside looking in.

That's the way it goes.

Do you suppose.

The brass ring will come by again.

Or is the Story over.

Have the Doors and Windows closed.

Can you read the Tealeaves.

Please read my palm and tell me.

What the crystal does portend.

When might it end.

Who will pay the Toll.

What the future holds.

Where will the River flow.

The Ball bounce.

Break the Bank with it all riding on Double Zero.

Black or Red.

Inside Straight. Twenty One. Boxcars or a Natural.

Make the point or bust.

Who should one trust.

Tell me Yes or No.

Who might only guess.

Should I stand pat or double down.

Take another throw.

As long as you can breath and wake up.

It isn't over yet.

Play the hand you're dealt.

Never bet you word or health.

Laugh at Fame. Shun Power.

Care not so much for Wealth.

Live life full with hope and force.

No need for Mirage of Remorse.

Nor Folly of Regret.