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Text

Verse 1

Play, play, but don’t play too much, only the bad one plays in excess, through playing a hundred was gained, through playing too much it was lost.