APPENDIX I

Watching The Wheel

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Stanza 1

People say I'm crazy Doing what I'm doing Well, they give me all kinds of warnings To save me from ruin

Stanza 2

When I say that I'm okay Well, they look at me kinda strange Surely you're not happy now You're no longer play the game

Stanza 3

People say I'm lazy Dreaming my life away Well, they give me all kinds of advice Designed to enlighten me

Stanza 4

When I tell them that I'm doing fine Watching shadows on the wall Don't you miss the big time, boy? You're no longer on the ball

Stanza 5

I'm just sitting here Watching the wheels go round and round I really love to watch them roll

Stanza 6

No longer riding on the merry-go-round I just had to let it go

Stanza 7

Ah, people asking question Lost in confusion Well, I tell them, there's no problem Only solution

Stanza 8

Well, they shake their heads And they look at me as if I've lost my mind I tell them, there's no hurry I, I'm just sitting here doing time

Stanza 9

I'm just sitting here Watching the wheels go round and round I really love to watch them roll

Stanza 10

No longer riding on the merry-go-round I just had to let it go I just had to let it go I just had to let it go

APPENDIX II

The Biography of John Lennon



I. His Early Life and Love Life

John Winston Lennon or also known as John Lennon is the well-known person in 1960-1980's. He was born October 9, 1940 in Liverpool, England. He was born from the couple which have different family background-Julia Stanley in the middle class-family and Alf in the poor family. Alf was working at sea as a steward on an ocean liner

when their baby who named John Winston by Julia was born. The name "John" is given in honor of his paternal grandfather who worked the shipyards in Liverpool and "Winston" from the name of prime minister of England who was leading his country through the horrors of war in that time. He grew up in a quiet middle-class neighborhood and raised by his aunt, Mimi Stanley. He enjoyed American rock and blue music as a young boy, including Elvis and Little Richard.

Lennon married Cynthia Powell who was fellow art student in 1962, and they had a son named John Charles Julian Lennon in 1963. As the popularity of the Beatles grow higher made his personality changed. He met Japanese artist Yoko Ono at an art exhibit in 1966 and began their relationship soon after. He used a drug and drink. His relationship with Yoko Ono added the tension among the Beatles who were struggling with business decisions after Epstein suicide in 1967. He divorced with Cynthia Powell in 1968 and married with Yoko Ono in 1969. From his second marriage, he and Yoko Ono had the son; Sean Taro Ono Lennon in 1975. His relationship with Yoko Ono made his personality more totally changed, he disbanded from *Beatles* and decide to solo career. He changed his name be John Ono Lennon and not long after his group disbanded, he decided to unbend himself from the music business in order to concentrate to raise his second son, Sean. The British press and Beatles fans had not been kind to Ono, and many blamed her for the Beatles' breakup.

II. His Career on Music

When he was 16 years of age, together with his friend in *Quarry Band School*, he formed his first band which named *the Quarrymen* which used skiffle music as their focus. The membership of the Quarrymen soon changed and made Lennon decided to change the band's name to the Beatles. The band members consist of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and the last member who joined the group was Ringo Star. The band focused more on rock and roll rather than skiffle music. The Beatles started to be known in 1960 when they played backup for Johnny Gentle on a tour of the United Kingdom. Then it made the record store owner Brian Epstein offered to become their manager. In 1963, the Beatles toured the United Kingdom and had their first number one hit, "Please Please Me." Soon the screaming fans which named Beatle mania swept the country and overrun the boys at every venue. In 1964 with their new haircut made millions people around the world enamored to the boys and they spent the next two years performing internationally, starring in movies, and, made Lennon published two books. The queen appointed the Beatles as Members of the Order of the British Empire in 1965. By this time, their fans was like crazier when attending their performances. The fans screamed constantly and did not hear the Beatles music at their performances. After that, the Beatles gave their last concert at Shea Stadium in 1966. They chose to perform only in the studio as they continued to record songs and release album. As the Beatles's popularity grew, they began to change their image by growing their hair become longer, had beards and moustaches and their clothes reflected their free-spirited nature. They changed their music and they started to speak out on political and spiritual issues. At that time, Lennon began to try and create songs that helped to shape psychedelic rock era which using feedback, distortion, and multi tracking in his songs. Lennon spoke out against the Vietnam War, and he commented in an interview that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus. This soon turned public opinion, particularly in the United States, against him.

Lennon officially quit the Beatles in September 1969 as *Abbey Road*, was released. Lennon then turned his attention to his solo work, working in his recording studio at his home in Tittenhurst Park. In 1980, he returned to the recording studio and with Ono released the album *Starting Over*. There was so much hope when he was coming back into the music world with new creative energy, but his hope was cut short when Mark David Chapman shot and killed Lennon outside his New York apartment building on December 8, 1980.