Teterboro Tower

(Oscar Brand & Jac Holzman)

Teterboro Tower this is Piper 2-0-2
I'm turning on my downwind leg, My fabric's come unglued
The stick is burbling in my hand, I think I feel a stall
& a bug's caught in my pitot, my gauges don't read at all

Now listen Piper 2-0-2, this is Teterboro Tower I cannot raise the crash crew cause it is their coffee hour & you're not cleared in the pattern, don't try a landing yet Just circle for departure while I mooch a cigarette

Help Teterboro Tower, this is Piper 2-0-2 I'm sweating out this landing, I don't know what to do My superhomer's on the blink, & your voice is fading fast Please clear my on my final, or this flight may be my last

Now listen Piper 2-0-2, This is Teterboro Tower I'd like to help you buddy, but I just don't have the power The FAA's your only hope, so if you've time to spare Just file a form in triplicate & sign the questionaire

Teterboro Tower, this is Piper 2-0-2 I'm in Secaucus Hospital & I owe it all to you I'm sorry that I cracked her up & messed your pretty field We'll try it once around again if ever I get healed

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Some slightly more militant lyrics are available (also on an Oscar Brand LP, as I recall) under the title "Itazuke Tower." The primary difference is that this version is geared to post-WWII Japan and involves an Air Force P-51 Mustang.

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