

Arrange and Rearrange

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Early in the mornin' I first see the sun,
I say a little prayer for the world.
I hope all the children live a long, long time,
Yes, every little boy and little girl.
I hope they learn to laugh at the way
Some wicked old words do seem to change,
'Cause that's what life's all about:
To arrange and rearrange and rearrange.
Oh-wee, oh-wye, to rearrange and rearrange and rearrange.
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I heard the first yowl of a brand new baby
And I said a little prayer for the world.
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Early in the morning I'm a gathering the sap
And I say a little prayer for the maple.
Like big Mama Quad, on the northwest slope,
I'll protect her as long as I'm able.
She gives more sap year after year
Than any single other tree.
So bring on the pancakes! Here's to Mama Quad,
May she live for another century.
Oh-wee, oh-wye, may she live for another century.
Oh-wee, oh-wye, may she live for another century.

Sometimes I wake in the middle of the night
And rub my achin' old eyes.
Is that a voice from inside my head
Or does it come down from the sky?
There's a time to laugh but there's a time to weep
And a time to make a big change.
Wake up you bum the time has come to arrange and rearrange and rearrange.
Oh-wee, oh-wye, to rearrange and rearrange and rearrange.
Oh-wee, oh-wye, to rearrange and rearrange and rearrange.

Perhaps the biggest change will come
When we don't have to change much at all.
When maniacs holler "grow, grow, grow"
We can choose to be small.
The key word may be "little,"
We only have to change a little bit.
Eat a little food, drink a little drink,
And only have to shit a little shit.
Oh-wee, oh-wye, and only have to shit a little shit.
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