

LIFE CHANGER

I meet a man who changed my life today
He walked with a limp
But, he wasn't a pimp
His body moved with an inimitable sway

In my attempt to be polite
Unobtrusive or evasive
I failed to be true to my nature
And refused to be inquisitive

He asked for clarification
With a tentative attitude
He was trying to find his way
Unsure of what to do

We engaged in small talk
As we journeyed to our destination
At times, I was at a loss for words
Because of the unique situation

I was so accustomed to hurrying
But, he changed my point of view
I had to slow my pace
Shorten my steps as I moved

"As good as I'm gonna' get."
Are the words he said to me
I'm here among the living
Above ground and not buried six feet deep

Is this the way we should look at life?
Is this the way we should greet each new day?
Is this the way we should answer in greeting?
Is this the way we should think always?

Should we learn how to celebrate today
Instead of looking forward to the weekend
Consciously take each breath one at a time
Cherish each moment for what it truly is

Because before you know it...

A moment in time becomes a lasting memory
Twelve months becomes twenty years
Our carefree babies become responsible adults
Our "I'll accept your offer" becomes a career

Our "I'll try this one time" becomes a hobby
Our joys unfortunately can become our sorrows
Our acquaintances become lifelong friends
Our yesterdays were once our tomorrows

Father Time keeps marching to his own beat
With no regard to our efforts to slow him down
The sun sets and rises to represent a new day
While Mother Nature continues to make her rounds

When "learn how to stop and smell the roses"
Becomes our reality instead of a well-known cliché
And "right around the corner"
Begins to seem so far away

You must move to the beat of your own drum
And make sure it's in the right direction
Be diligent in striving to fulfill your dreams
Do your best even if it's just shy of perfection

I met a man who changed my life today
It was more than ten years ago
Ironically
At the time, I didn't understand his message
Until life happened and said, "I told you so."

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