

# 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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