

Smile & Take the Sunshine by the Hand

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I used to sit alone and I'd wonder
Just what it was that made my life worthwhile
I didn't think it was the trouble I was under
And I knew it wasn't something I could buy

No, it's something in the years that pass behind me
In a thousand different things I've said and done
So, I let these happy childhood days remind me
Some of the most important things in life are fun

**Did you ever braid a necklace out of clover
Or did you ever build a castle in the sand
Did you ever play "Red Rover Come On Over"
Then smile and take the sunshine by the hand**

Well, I spend my days whistlin' while I'm fishin'
In this whole, wide world, not a happier man could be
Than this middle aged kid just a chewin' on some clover
And simply doin' what comes naturally

Well, I work to live, not live to work as others
Who never spend a moment aimlessly
That's why a sunny day will always make me happy
'Cause I take the time to let it, can't you see

**That you don't have to braid a necklace out of clover
Or you don't have to build a castle in the sand
You don't even have to play "Red Rover Come On Over"
Just smile and take the sunshine by the hand**