

Single Life

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People say
They're jealous of me
Asking all the time how I can be so lucky
And how they wish they'd never kissed
The single life goodbye
And why
They struggle every day
To keep from straying
They want my life
They call and me a crafty little devil
They think I've got it made
That my streets are paved and golden
And I bath in sun rays every day

And everybody tell me
Not to be afraid
To gather all the harvest
That the good Lord made
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When you sleep
You sleep alone
And you can roll right to the centre of the bed
And you don't have to have strength
For anybody else
And you never have to shout
To defend yourself
You can eat cake and even ice cream
And you can stay out really late
And you can bring home someone
To make you feel special
But it's for a few hours
Then they go away

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When I see two people
They look crazy in love
A little bit of heaven
Shining in their eyes
Free and single sounds exciting and it can be
With no warning a great adventure calls
Hitch a ride
Every time I think I've found that someone
I awake
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Don't obsess
But I'm looking real hard
It's a spice that I'm missing
From the ingredients
I got freedom
And the money that I work for every day
Could buy me a colour
But it won't buy me a body
I can feel the language
The language of love
That's so universal
Everybody gets to speak it
When they fall in love
That's the end of lonely nights
And
Single life