When I die there won't be much to salvage from my earnings I never had a lot of land or houses to my name I've never been a corporate prince on Madison and New York I never held a diamond in my hand

But I've seen children laughing As only children can And I've known my creator And I've been a happy man

I never really loved the way I saw it in the movies
But I had myself a woman of my own
The place we lived was modest
And we kept the yard together
I never traveled far from my hometown

But I've heard music playing
That made me understand
And touched the hearts of heaven
And I've been a happy man

Life has had it's hard times
When I've felt the chill of winter
I can't forget the night when my sweet Julie slipped away
But growing old is different
Than I always thought it would be
The sweetness of my youth
Just grew with age

'Cause I've known wealth and beauty
Beneath his guiding hand
And knowing soon I'll see him
Has made me a happy man
And knowing soon I'll see him
Has made me a happy man