

# We Do What We Can

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Downstairs they're playing Kenton  
The house set to swing  
I lay in my bed  
And listen to everything  
Cause Leo's in rare form tonight  
His trombone sings so sweet  
This is the room  
Where they all come to meet

He said  
I do what I can  
I live for the moment  
And that's who I am  
Yeah that's who I am

And isn't it good  
If we could freeze moments in time  
We all would  
But I do what I can  
I do what I can

Downstairs he's playing Kenton  
The Magnavox sighs  
But oh how the music has changed  
In all of our lives  
He says "nobody listens  
To modern jazz"  
And I'll never have what those guys have

He says  
I do what I can  
I work for a living  
And that's who I am  
Yeah that's who I am

And it's good to be alive  
But everything's different since Leo died  
I do what I can

Is this the end of the modern world  
What could it mean for a young girl  
Who sees the pain on his face  
He does what he can

The procession on the TV screen  
What could it possibly mean for a man  
Who's come this far just to turn around  
Could there still be life in Kenton's swing  
With the Kennedys gone and everything  
Those sad rows of houses with their optimistic colors  
Democrat grandparents and draft-dodging brothers  
Riots down the street and discontented mothers  
We do what we can

Downstairs it's quiet  
Less alive somehow  
Somehow he was everything that I am now

And he says  
I do what I can  
I work for a living  
And that's who I am  
And that's who I am

But it's good to be alive  
And these are the choices  
We make to survive  
You do what you can