

## Stanley Michael

### "Take The Time"

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These are strange days we live in  
The nights get even worse  
The poets died at midnight--  
in a New York City hearse...  
And the news must make you crazy  
It has for so long  
And the streets are full of fear tonight--  
and coming on strong...

You know, they're holed-up in Atlanta  
broke down in L.A.  
They went and sold out Detroit--  
They put half the town away...  
From the West Texas border  
to the Carolina shore  
You can see it in the faces--  
There's gotta be something more...

(CHORUS:)

Take the time to love someone  
Take the time to make amends  
Take the time to make a stand  
Take the time for your friends  
'Cause you can't roll your own forever  
and somewhere, down the line--  
you're gonna see that's all they give you  
so you might as well take the time...

You know, they're laid off in Ohio  
The Heartland's under strain  
They're running scared in FLA--  
and hiding out in Maine...  
The sons of true believers  
and the daughters of dreams  
It can shake you when you find out--  
it ain't just what it seems...

Now is the hour  
Tomorrow might be too late

You gotta grab the moment--  
You just can't hesitate...  
And you know that it's the children  
gonna pay for it all  
And, like the man said--  
"A hard rain's gonna fall"...

(CHORUS)

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