

## **Dottie West**

### **"Rose Garden"**

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I beg you pardon, I never promised you a rose garden  
Along with the sunshine, there's gotta be a little rain  
sometimes  
When you take you got to give, so live and let live or let  
go  
I beg you pardon, I never promised you a rose garden

I could promise you things like big diamond rings  
But you don't find roses growing on stalks of clover  
So you better think it over  
When it's sweet talking you could make it come true  
I would give you the world right now on a silver platter  
But what would it matter

So smile for a while and let's be jolly  
Love shouldn't be so melancholy  
Come along and share the good times while we can  
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Along with the sunshine, there's gotta be a little rain  
sometimes

I beg you pardon, I never promised you a rose garden  
I could sing you a tune and promise you the moon  
But if that's what it takes to hold you, I'd just as soon let  
you go  
But there's one thing I want you to know

Look before you leap, still waters run deep  
And there won't always be someone there to pull you  
out  
And you know what I'm talking about  
So smile for a while  
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