

Harry Chapin "Manhood"

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I was laughing horizontally
In my loose and lusty youth
I was feeling well self-satisfied
Deliciously uncouth
When she slipped out from my covers
With a smile
Saying, "You've got a lot to learn, dear boy
It's going to take a while."

She said--
Manhood--Means that you should
Get someone else, beside yourself
Feeling good
You know a real man would
Do much more than you could
You know he'd wonder if he
Understood me!
I said, "I see, let's start again."
She said, "You know you never can."

She put her clothes back on
She straightened up my bed
She hit me with a line
The still does numbers on my head
She says, "Your mind chooses better
Than your hands do
Your heart chooses better
Than your glands do!"

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So I stood there in my shorts
Feeling naked just the same

With her last few words
I knew I was brand new at the game
She gave her gentle smile
She slipped out through the door
Saying, "You're my first and only love
Just like all my lvoes before."

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