

Les Crane "Desiderata"

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(CHORUS)

You are a child of the universe
No less than the trees and the stars
You have a right to be here

Desiderata
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Go placidly amid the noise and haste
And remember what peace
There may be in silence

As far as possible without surrender
Be on good terms with all persons
Speak your truth quietly and clearly
And listen to others

Even the dull and ignorant
They too have their story
Avoid loud and aggressive persons
They are vexations to the spirit

If you compare yourself with others
You may become vain and bitter
For always there will be greater
And lesser persons than yourself

(CHORUS)

You are a child of the universe
No less than the trees and the stars
You have a right to be here

And whether or not
It is clear to you
No doubt the universe
Is unfolding as it should

Enjoy your achievements
As well as your plans
Keep interested in your own career
However humble, it is a real possession
In the changing fortunes of time

Exercise caution in your business affairs
For the world is full of trickery
But let this not blind you
To what virtue there is

Many persons strive for high ideals
And everywhere life is full of heroism
Be yourself

Especially do not feign affection
Neither be cynical about love
For in the face of all aridity
And disenchantment
It is as perennial as the grass

Take kindly the council of the years
Gracefully surrendering the things of youth
Nurture strength of spirit to
Shield you in sudden misfortune

But do not distress yourself
With imaginings
Many fears are borne of
Fatigue and loneliness
Beyond a wholesome discipline
Be gentle with yourself

(CHORUS)

And whether or not
It is clear to you
No doubt the universe
Is unfolding as it should

Therefore, be at peace with God
Whatever you conceive him to be
And whatever your labors and aspirations
In the noisy confusion of life
Keep peace with your soul

With all it's sham, drudgery
And broken dreams
It is still a beautiful world
Be careful, strive to be happy

(CHORUS) 5X to fade

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