

Chuck Ragan

"For Goodness Sake"

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Simple backbeats seem to soothe me
If I could hold them I would let's say
Take some rest as if not wicked
And walk around enjoying silence
A world away, elders gather
Speak their tongue and hardly falter
With words of bound, joy and grievance
Simple song, work and penance

To drawn hate like a stone
And walk the path overgrown
Never to lay awake
And if so for goodness sake

Well down the road the deer are crossing
And the grass is greener where they're walking
Rattling beasts and heavy movements
Mark them now son before we lose them
Bear your arms ever so wisely
Or burn them all if you have no need
And dress to kill but kill so kindly
A hollow heart's too weak and weary

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And walk the path overgrown
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Now call me crazy but all the old ways
Of simple living are slowly fading
All we buy is time before we die
And lay on down desensitized

A wise old friend recently told me:
"An idle mind is the devil's playpen"
Mind the gaps and watch them closely
Spread the love but choose your friends wisely
Love yourself to love your family
And find the difference between wants and needs
Be sure to stop and count your blessings
Smell the roses and fight for something

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