

## Roy Clark

# "Right Or Left At Oak Street"

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The alarm rang at seven this morning  
The same time it did yesterday  
Seven-thirty is my breakfast time  
And I know what the wife's gonna say.

The Crawfords next door got a new swimming pool  
The Millers got a color TV  
Mr. Wilson's job is not good as yours,  
But his wife dresses better than me.

I get to the school at eight o-five  
And drop off the kids at the gate  
Then I drive past the clock outside the bank  
It's exactly a quarter past eight.

When I reach the stop sign at Oak Street  
The same thought crosses my mind  
Should I turn right like I always have,  
Or left and leave it behind?

Right or left at Oak Street  
That's the choice I face everyday  
And I don't know which takes more courage  
The staying or the running away.

A left turn would take me to somewhere  
Leave alarm clocks and schedules behind  
And the world wouldn't care if I'm not somewhere  
At some particular time.

Where a man can do what he wants to do  
And no one expects him to give  
All of his time to the same old routine  
In the one life that he has to live.

I'm not sure which way is the best way  
But I've always turned right before  
And it might be strange at the end of the day  
If they weren't there at the door.

A man must make his decisions  
But he must consider the stakes

For every mans life is a gamble  
It depends on the turn that he takes.

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