

## Ralph McTell

# "Michael In The Garden"

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Out in the garden, amongst the bushes, Michael is crying.

Caught in a spider's web, its broken wings beating, a butterfly dying.

Oh la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

la, la, la, la, la, la, la

And they in their wisdom say

"Michael's got something wrong, wrong, wrong with his mind".

Well they must be blind, if they can't see what Michael sees.

Michael is silent, talking to no one of things that he sees.

But out in the garden, he talks in soft whispers, like the wind in the leaves.

Oh la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

And they in their wisdom say

"Michael's got something wrong, wrong, wrong with his mind".

They've seen the signs, but they can't see what Michael sees.

And inside the building someone is calling his name through the halls.

But he doesn't answer, though he easily hears each leaf as it falls.

Oh la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

And they in their wisdom say

"Michael's got something wrong, wrong, wrong with his mind".

Well they must be blind, for they can't see what Michael sees.

Michael where are you ?

Michael where are we,

We who see that there's something wrong with your mind?

And inside the garden Michael is smiling, at peace in his world.

At one with the insects, the flowers, and the trees, and  
the wind and the birds.  
Oh la, la, la, la, la, la, la,  
la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

Oh Michael sees all  
Behind the high walls  
Surrounding his kingdom,  
Whilst we in our wisdom  
Still trapped in the spider's web  
Far from the flow and ebb  
Of life in the garden  
But Michael has pardoned  
Us for he sees  
That really he's free  
And there's nothing to mend  
For his wings are not broken

And they in their wisdom say  
"Michael's got something wrong, wrong, wrong with his  
mind".  
They've seen the signs, but Michael feels fine inside  
the garden.

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