

## Ricky Skaggs

### "The Selfishness in Man"

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(Leon Payne)

I saw a little beam of sunlight steal across a purple sky  
And bend down to kiss a rosebud oh it made me wanna  
cry

To think that I had been permitted to see a part of  
nature's plan

Oh, there's nothing that stands out more than the  
selfishness in man.

Little children painting pictures of the birds and apple  
trees

Oh, why can't the grown up people have the faith of one  
of these

And to think those tiny fingers might become a killer's  
hand

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Why can't we see the folly and the uselessness of hate  
Love could lead to understanding maybe it's not too  
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--- Instrumental ---

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