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"When I Was A Child"

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When I was a child, I laughed like a child
I looked like a child, I spoke like a child
I even played the ordinary games
That children usually do
I didn't worry about world affairs
Electric chairs
Grey hairs
And though I was much happier then
I hadn't met you

Oh, I remember laughing in the sun
And playing tricks on everyone
Easter eggs and daddy-long-legs
And Christmas toys all new
I didn't read about corrosion
Or population explosion
And though I had a lot of fun then
I hadn't met you

And you made me realise
The part I had to play
In the war games
And the strike games
And the money games of today
You made me grow up

And so I say goodbye to booms and bangs
To lemon meringue
My gang
Tadpoles and diggin' holes
Candyfloss, my rockin' horse too
And now instead of these
I worry about hunger and disease
And though my cares are many
Now I have you
And you made me grow up

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