

Pay Close Attention

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Did you ever take a job and find it wasn't cut out for you?
That it didn't fan your inner flame, no matter what you'd do?
Did you ever wake up bleary, head feeling extra-wide?
And know those several drinks last night were sure not on your side?

CHORUS:

Pay close attention -- Learn what you can
Let go of what's over -- And keep on moving.

Did you ever say something cruel instead of something nice?
And see the look on the other's face and know you weren't wise?
Have you given a kid a lecture instead of simply listening?
And realized way too late that all your talk wasn't needed?

CHORUS (2X)

It's been said many times, here's one more for the record
If you obsess about the end, everything looks hard
So start each new road with steps of modest scope
Embrace the radical notion that you do know how to cope.

CHORUS (2X)

Have you ever heard a song that vibrates deep in you?
And known your soul has rhythm, and what's funny is often true?
Did you ever see the mountains and feel a strong connection
With the wonders of the universe and yourself as its reflection?

CHORUS (2X)

Have you held a sleeping baby and felt that special love
That connects us all if we let it—what are we afraid of?
Have you gazed into the eyes of one you love completely
And seen pure infinity looking back at you serenely?

CHORUS (1X)

Whatever comes your way -- It can be a clear, clear day
Let it be as it is -- Don't get your mind in the way.

CHORUS (1X)