

## This Is All I Ask

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As I approach the prime of my life, I find I have the time of my life  
Learning to enjoy at my leisure all the simple pleasures  
And so I happily concede  
That this is all I ask, this is all I need

Beautiful girls, walk a little slower when you walk by me  
Lingering sunsets, stay a little longer with the lonely sea  
Children everywhere, when you shoot at bad men, shoot at me  
Take me to that strange, enchanted land grown-  
ups seldom understand

Wandering rainbows, leave a bit of color for my heart to own  
Stars in the sky, make my wish come true before the night has fallen  
And let the music play as long as there's a song to sing  
Then I will stay younger than Spring