

The Answer

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For the life of me
You know I can't recall
My father giving mighty words of wisdom
But the more I live I see
The greatest gift of all
Is how I always knew for sure he was listening
To a million questions I felt like a fool to ask
And when I'd ask him for an answer, he'd just laugh

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But I'm close to understanding
Just how far I have to go
We give our hearts
We take our chances
And know the fool ain't the one with all the questions
To tell the truth, it's someone who believes they have the answers

In the years since then
When my children come
Pouring out their hearts
This old world has broken
I do the listening
I've seen what good it's done
When less not more is spoken
And when they press me hard to tell them what the answer is
I remember well and simply offer this

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