

# Manhood

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I was laughing horizontally in my loose and lusty youth  
I was feeling well self-satisfied, deliciously uncouth  
When she slipped out from my covers with a smile  
Saying, "You've got a lot to learn, dear boy, it's going to take  
a while"

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Get someone else beside yourself feeling good  
You know, a real man would do much more than you could  
You know, he'd wonder if he understood me"  
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She put her clothes back on, she straightened up my bed  
She hit me with a line that still does numbers on my head  
She says, "Your mind chooses better than your hands do  
Your heart chooses better than your glands do"

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So I stood there in my shorts, feeling naked just the same  
With her last few words, I knew I was brand new at the game  
She gave her gentle smile, she slipped out through the door  
Saying, "You're my first and only love, just like all my loves  
before"

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