

# (I Never Promised You a) Rose Garden

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Along with the sunshine  
There's gotta be a little rain sometimes

When you take you got to give  
So live and let live or let go  
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I could promise you things like big diamond rings  
But you don't find roses growin' on stalks of clover  
So you better think it over  
When it's sweet talking you could make it come true  
I would give you the world right now on a silver platter  
But what would it matter?

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Love shouldn't be so melancholy  
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I could sing you a tune and promise you the moon  
But if that's what it takes to hold you  
I'd just as soon let you go  
But there's one thing I want you to know

You better look before you leap  
Still waters run deep  
And there won't always be someone there to pull you out  
And you know what I'm talking about

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