

# The Giving Tree

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I once had a friend who meant everything to me  
And our friendship was quite special, see that friend was a tree  
When I swung from his branches he held me so tightly  
Up in my sleeping bag, kept me company nightly  
He was heaven sent, benevolent, the best friend ever  
Gave me all I needed and he made my world better  
Kept the darkness at bay, like I could always stay  
6 years old forever, I was happy every day

I got branches you can climb, pretty colored leaves  
Granny Apples and some vines  
See that's my friend the sun but I don't have to let it shine  
You can quietly play away from all the bright light and the shade  
I'm the bigger brother that you never had  
You can snap my branches off or punch and kick me if you're ever mad  
Your Dad just does not provide the strength that I do  
Now lean against me boy scribble me a haiku

Then adolescence hit like giant brick  
That was it love sick I would sit  
In her arms and I'd stick  
A dagger in the heart of my loyal friend the tree  
Carved initials in his bark Mary Jane next to me  
Because things change right? I guess that's just life  
Like Puff the Magic Dragon, Jackie Paper took a hike  
Stop crying - look at me - I'm growing up  
But I'm still showing up and I'm still showing love!

Here boy, why don't you take a couple of these Granny Smiths  
Go down to the market, follow this manuscript  
Sell a couple of them, tell the people that they're grown organically  
Use the money, buy your girl the necklace of her fantasies  
If they want more I got oranges, cherries,  
cashews, cupcakes, chocolate strawberries  
You got to understand that I'm not just a normal tree  
I'm here to fulfill all your needs... plant a seed.

I'm your Giving Tree.

Then I became a man, too busy to climb trees  
Though I miss the tire swing, I'm climbing higher see  
made millions I've done it, corner office view  
I'm a very busy man don't have time to talk to you  
Some nights I reminisce; I sit up feeling sick  
So I pop another pill and it seems to do the trick  
Surviving on my own for the last 40 years,  
I'll always love you tree but now I'm going, I'm growing

This was not about you spending time in the forest  
This has been about me providing resources, for you  
Cause that's my style, smile, I think you find happiness in a child  
Or two, here, take a branch that's big  
Make yourself a nice digs, a good place to live  
Then create a couple kids, trust me, you're not abandoning me  
'Cause I will always be your family tree

Sitting by myself, feeling so lonely

My friends are all dying and nobody seems to know me  
My trophy wife ran off and my kids never call  
I need a way to leave and get away from it all  
Old and sad all the good times I had  
Have faded through the hourglass my memories are sand  
I was the king of the forest and you were my throne  
But before I pass away there's some world's I've never known

Here take the rest of me, take what's left  
Maybe you should sail over waters and the depths of the world,  
Forget about your ungrateful kids and your girl  
Don't you want to see the blue sea?  
You, me, your friend, the wooden raft,  
Hopefully you learn how to smile and even look and laugh  
Please boy, take what you want, but maybe  
You should leave yourself a stump, at least leave a stump.

Now I'm back, and I can barely walk  
And I can barely talk, and I've sold all my stock  
So may I sit for a minute? I've got nothing left  
My life has been a journey, but now it's time to rest

Even though I'm very old too please sit  
I can't tell you where the branches or the leaves went  
But I can tell you that it's time to sit, take a rest  
And process every single ounce of your stress

Remember childhood? When it was you and me?  
Well now I'm finally home, and now I'm finally free  
You gave me everything, you were always there  
I close my eyes and drift away and I don't feel scared

Remember childhood, when it was me and you?  
I'm the one that gave you everything, of course you do  
My natural calling was to always be here  
Close your eyes and die with me, thank you for the years.