

Manhood

Harry Chapin

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" She said, "Manhood means that you
should
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"
I said, "I see, let's start again", she said, "You know you never can" 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" She said, "Manhood means that you should
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"
I said, "I see, let's start again", she said, "You know you never can" 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" She said, "Manhood means that you should
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