

# 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

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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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