

About the Children

Tom Paxton

The conversation pauses while the waiter pours our tea
This timely interruption is a great relief to me
I wish he'd stay all day, I'd never have to say
About the children You're looking really lovely and the dress is really you
The necklace I remember but the bracelet must be new
But that's another day, I clear my throat and say
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