

Taking A Walk

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A man came to our house
I believe it was yesterday
I would have invited him in
But I didn't have a lot to say
His anticipation
Of me opening the door
Outweighed my apprehension
As it never had before
And drove my concentration
Right through that hardwood floor
I'm taking a walk
I'm going outside
I'm taking a walk
I'm just getting by
There's a girl in the White House
I don't even know her name
Her disheveled appearance
Speaks volumes of shame
It's an embarrassing situation
But a situation just the same
The way she walks on others
And never takes the blame
Upsets my constitution
Beyond its mortal frame
I'm taking a walk
(Taking a walk)
I'm going outside
(Going outside)

I'm watching the birds
(Taking a walk)
I'm just getting by
(Just getting by)
Found a card in the pocket
Of my worn out overalls
From a girl in Cedar Rapids
Now residing in Idaho Falls
I wish you could've been there
When she opened up the door

And looked me in the face
Like she never did before
I felt about as welcome
As a Wal-Mart Superstore
I'm taking a walk
(Taking a walk)
I'm going outside
(Going outside)
I'm taking a walk
(Taking a walk)
I don't need a ride
(Just getting by)
I'm watching the birds
(Taking a walk)
Flying so high
(Going outside)

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