

# Simple Days

## Bird by Bird

I was born on the north side of a  
Midwestern town  
There were nine of us living in a  
Three bedroom house  
Didn't have much money  
But we made due  
'Cause momma worked all day long  
And daddy did too  
Did all they could  
Made sure we had clothes and food  
Went to public schools and we  
Followed public rules  
We used second hand books, but oh  
I didn't mind the books  
Momma taught us early in life  
Everybody's gotta struggle sometime  
Bring back those simple times of yesterday  
When a man was a man  
And a friend was a friend  
Bring back those simple times of yesterday  
When you said what you meant  
And you meant what you said  
Had a friend named Bobby  
Who always kept his word  
We went through schoolyard fights  
Had a thing for pretty girls  
Didn't cost much money to  
See the picture show  
So we hopped the bus into town  
That's where all the girlies used to go  
Fifty cents would buy us popcorn for two  
'Cause Bobby's girl, she worked there  
And sometimes she'd break the rules  
Picnics in the summer  
Wouldn't wake up 'till noon  
And even though Bobby's gone now  
I can still hear him laugh  
In the middle of June  
Bring back those simple times of yesterday

When a man was a man  
And a friend was a friend  
Bring back those simple times of yesterday  
When you said what you meant  
And you meant what you said  
Sometimes I sit, I wonder  
I reminisce, I think of all the good times  
That we had in our lives  
Sometimes I can't get over  
How wonderful those days were  
Back in our lives  
Simple days for simple times  
Bring back those simple times of yesterday  
When a man was a man  
And a friend was a friend  
Bring back those simple times of yesterday  
When you said what you meant  
And you meant what you said  
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