LOVE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE
Words & Music by Hurley & Wilkins
sung by John Denver on Rhymes & Reasons (1969)

A
LIVING ON FREE FOOD TICKETS.

G
WATER IN THE MILK FROM THE HOLE IN THE ROOF

D E
WHERE THE RAIN CAME THROUGH,

A
WHAT CAN WE DO? MMM.

A
TEARS FROM YOUR BABY SISTER,

G
CRYIN' 'CAUSE SHE DOESN'T HAVE A DRESS

D E
WITHOUT A PATCH FOR THE PARTY TO GO,

A
AH BUT YOU KNOW SHE'LL GET BY,

A D E
BECAUSE SHE'S LIVING IN THE LOVE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE,

A D E
SMILES FROM THE HEART OF A FAMILY MAN,

A D E
DADDY'S GONNA BUY YOU A DREAM TO CLING TO,

A D E
MUMMY'S GONNA LOVE YOU JUST AS MUCH AS SHE CAN,

A G D A G D
AND SHE CAN.

A
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU DON'T HAVE BUSFARE,

G
IT WOULD FALL THROUGH THE HOLE IN YOUR POCKET

D E
AND YOU'D LOSE IT IN THE SNOW ON THE GROUND,

A
WALKING TO THE TOWN TO FIND A JOB.

A
TRYING TO KEEP YOUR HANDS WARM,

G
BUT THE HOLE IN YOUR SHOE LETS THE SNOW COME THROUGH

D E
AND IT CHILLS TO THE BONE,

D E
BOY YOU BETTER GO HOME WHERE IT'S WARM.

A D E
AND YOU CAN LIVE IN THE LOVE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE,

A D E
SMILES FROM THE HEART OF A FAMILY MAN,

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A                       D        E
DADDY'S GONNA BUY YOU A DREAM TO CLING TO,
A                              D           E
MUMMY'S GONNA LOVE YOU JUST AS MUCH AS SHE CAN,
A    G  D  A    G  D  F    A  E  B    A  E  B
AND SHE CAN.
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(The key changes here)
B
LIVING ON DREAMS AIN'T EASY,

BUT THE CLOSER THE KNIT THE TIGHTER THE FIT
A
AND THE CHILLS STAY AWAY,
E        F
YOU TAKE THEM IN STRIDE, FAMILY PRIDE.
B
YOU KNOW, FAITH IS YOUR FOUNDATION

WITH A WHOLE LOT OF LOVE
A
AND A WARM CONVERSATION AND MANY A PRAYER,
E                F
MAKING YOU STRONG WHERE YOU BELONG.

B                        E      F
LIVING IN THE LOVE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE,
B                          E      F
SMILES FROM THE HEART OF A FAMILY MAN,
B                         E        F
DADDY'S GONNA BUY YOU A DREAM TO CLING TO,
B                              E           F
MUMMY'S GONNA LOVE YOU JUST AS MUCH AS SHE CAN,
F
YEAH

B                        E      F
LIVING IN THE LOVE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE,
B                          E      F
SMILES FROM THE HEART OF A FAMILY MAN,
B                         E        F
DADDY'S GONNA BUY YOU A DREAM TO CLING TO,
B                              E           F
MUMMY'S GONNA LOVE YOU JUST AS MUCH AS SHE CAN,
F
YEAH ...

B      A  E  B      A  E  B      A  E  B
AND SHE CAN.

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