

Life Is So Peculiar, sung by Louis Armstrong

This song invites us to see the "ordinary" things of life with fresh eyes. There was a time in childhood when, for all of us, the most ordinary things were startling and amazing. I can remember being 4 or 5 years old and becoming aware of perspiration for the first time. It was summer and my father had big drops of sweat all over his face. "Daddy," I asked, "what's that water all over your face?" He answered, "I sprang a leak."

Oh life is so peculiar - you get so wet in the rain
You get so warm in the sunshine
It doesn't pay to complain
When I get up each morning, there's nothing to breathe but air
And when I look in the mirror, there's nothing to comb but hair
And when I sit down to breakfast, there's nothing to eat but food
Life is so peculiar but you can't stay home and brood
Oh, life is so peculiar
The desert has only got sand - And that's grand

The oceans only got water,
You never know where you stand
When I get out to dinner, there's nothing to wear but clothes
Whenever I get sleepy, there's nothing to do but doze
Whenever I get thirsty, there's nothing to do but drink
Life is no peculiar that it makes you stop and think
Yes, life (boop-a-doo-wa-boo-waa), is so peculiar

A fork belongs with the knife
Corn beef is lost without cabbage
I love cabbage, a husband should have a wife
Life is so peculiar, but as everybody says
That's life

Yes life (it's so peculiar)
A bird can usually sing
A pearl is made by an oyster
You can't be sure of a thing

When I get tired of restin' there's nothing to do but walk
And when I don't care to listen there's nothing to do but talk
When I'm up in the airplane there's nothing to do but fly
Life is so peculiar but I often wonder why

Oh, life, (boop-a-doo-wa-boo-waa), is so peculiar
A fork belongs with a knife you know
Corn beef is lost without cabbage
A husband should have a wife

Yeah, life is so peculiar, but what everybody says - that's life
One more for me Jim (that's life)
Let me hear it one time (that's life)
All together (That's life), yeah