



Did you go where you wanted
to go? Did you do what you
wanted to do? Did you find
somebody to love? Did that
someone love you? Could you
be who you wanted to be?
Did you reach for the
farthest star?

Did you find out
who you are?



"Bobby," my Dad would say, all serious, "Tomorrow is only a vision, yesterday is only a dream. Look well, therefore, to this day for it makes every tomorrow a vision of hope and every yesterday a dream of happiness." Then he'd give a big grin, pick up his Martin guitar, growl out, "rowdedow!" and launch into Strawberry Roan. A logger with an 8th grade education, he quoted Omar Khayam & Robert Service and let me stay home from school if I read. When I was 9, he bought me a set of the Great Books.

Years later, a young folk singer, I stood for hours in the stairwell of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City transfixed by Rousseau's, Sleeping Gypsy, drinking it in. A country boy in the big city, I experied real art for the first time. For 5 years I made a pilgrimage to that painting.

Life changing, those things. Worlds beautifully colliding.

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Songs from the heart with
the simplest of rhymes
they have the power
to reach through time



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& performed by
Robert Force
except Goodnight
My Dear Sister (trad)
& Amazing Grace (trad)
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