This song starts off jostling and bouncing around. Imagine legs flying past partners' knees in a jitterbug, slicing the air like scimitars through watermelons. The tempo slows for 3 poignant stanzas, then resumes rollicking.

New Age Rag

I'm sure it ain't no picnic To be Christian, Jain or Jew; Nor Muslim, Sikh or Aztec Or anybody who

Wants universal love and peace And hope for all mankind. No matter whose name is on the lease We're already 3 months behind!

You wander through a life or ten Searchin' for your other half. You cry, "I won't go back again!" Now who's got the last laugh?

Life's startin' to make sense now That I know you're in it! Babe, I don't understan' how There's 'nother way to spin it.

Took two lifetimes just to meet you So glad you're finally here! Can't imagine who'd mistreat you So wipe away those tears!

[Change tempo]

Everybody has a purpose, Though it might be hard to see. When we learn what serves us We'll find out who we're meant to be! It took five hundred years to find you; Four score for you to go away! What force is it that binds you To my corner of the Milky Way?

God played a nasty trick on us She fabricated time! So we hear a clock tick in us, Marking our decline!

But we mustn't let that stop us! There's life left in us still! Together, none can block us! Except the absence of free will.

For everybody has a purpose, Though it might be hard to see. When we learn what serves us We'll find out who we're meant to be!

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