

The Bare Necessities (1967)

----- - G C
1. Look for the bare necessities, the simple bare necessities,
G E A - D
forget about your worries and your strife.
- G C
I mean the bare necessities, old Mother Nature's recipes,
G Em A D G
that brings the bare necessities of life.
----- D G
Wherever I wander, wherever I roam,
D G - G7
I couldn't be fonder of my big home.
C Am
The bees are buzzin' in the tree,
G Em
to make some honey just for me.
A A7
When you look under the rocks and plants,
D D7 G E ~ ~
and take a glance at the fancy ants, then maybe try a few.
----- Am D G - Em D G
The bare necessities of life will come to you, they'll come to you!

----- - G C
2. Look for the bare necessities, the simple bare necessities,
G E A - D
forget about your worries and your strife.
- G C
I mean the bare necessities, that's why a bear can rest at ease,
G Em A D G
with just the bare necessities of life.
----- D G
Now when you pick a pawpaw, or a prickly pear,
D G - G7
and you prick a raw paw, the next time beware.
C Am
Don't pick the prickly pear by the paw,
G Em
when you pick a pear, try to use the claw.
A A7
But you don't need to use the claw
D D7 G E ~ ~
when you pick a pear of the big pawpaw. Have I given you a clue ?

----- Am D G - Am D G
 The bare necessities of life will come to you, they'll come to you!

3. + Instr. = verse 2, lines 1 – 4 (3x)

D G
 So just try and relax, yeah cool it, fall apart in my backyard.
 D
 'Cause let me tell you something, little britches.
 - G - G7
 if you act like that bee acts, uh uh, you're working too hard.
 C
 And don't spend your time lookin' around,
 G G7
 for something you want that can't be found.
 A A7
 When you find out you can live without it,
 Am D G E
 and go along not thinkin' about it. I'll tell you something true :
 Am D G
 The bare necessities of life will come to you.

----- - G C
 4. Look for the bare necessities, the simple bare necessities,
 G E A - D
 forget about your worries and your strife.
 - G C
 I mean the bare necessities, that's why a bear can rest at ease,
 G Ema A D G C
 with just the bare necessities of life, yeah !
 G Em A D G
 with just the bare necessities of life.