Hello, Dolly!, World, Take Me Back

Dolly

I've sliced my slice of life a little thin

Haven't I, Ephraim?

I've been on the outside looking in

Haven't I, Ephraim?

Well, from now on, Ephraim,

All that's going to change.

The world is full of wonderful things,

a bushel of wonderful things for me to believe in

So world, take me back

I want to be part of the human race again

And bid good-bye to all my trouble and tears

I've wasted so many odd years

It's time to get even

So world, take me back

I want to let laughter light up my face again

Oh, no more peeking through the keyhole

I intend to have my own key

No more sneaking past the parlor

From now on, it's me sitting on the settee.

Oh, today's a day to holler about

for after just sitting life out

since heavens know when.

My step has a spring and a drive

I'm suddenly young and alive

You wonderful world,

Take me back again!

The world is full of Aprils & Dunes

Red roses and yello' balloons

For me to hang onto

So world, take me back

I want to be

part of those good old days again!

Whatever happened to those wonderful days

night-away nights, oh where have they gone to?

So world, take me back,

I want to be

there when the gas light flames again!

Oh, no more watching from the sidelines

I intend to star in the show

No more reaching for tomorrow

from now on, I stand with today in my hand.

For today the world is ripe as a peach,

it's going to be mine till I reach a 110.

My step has a spring and a drive

I'm suddenly young and alive

You wonderful world,

Take me back again!