Dolly Parton, The Greatest Days Of All

(Dolly Parton)

A dirt dobber built its nest On my only Sunday dress And the roof leaked in my shoes And when they dried they were too small And the rats chewed a great big hole In my only winter coat And at night I'd hear them gnaw The paper on my bedroom wall But I still say Those were the greatest days of all Some happy and some sad Some good and some bad But I still say Those were the greatest days of all I used to wait by the garden gate Where the hummingbirds came ev'ry day To kiss the yellow roses Growing up the garden wall And in the tall grass I would lie 'Til ev'ning shadows brought the night Thru the window of my room I'd hear the whippoorwill's sad call And I still say Those were the greatest days of all Some happy and some sad Some good and some bad But I still say Those were the greatest days of all

Now as I make my way
Along the busy city sidewalks
My head arouring from the deafening city sound
You can't hear a whipporwill in this noisy city
And tall green grass don't grow
Along the sidewalks of this town
And hummingbirds don't fly around
These artificial roses
Like they did around the garden wall
And, oh, so often in my mind
I'll go back to another time
And I still say
Those were the greatest days of all
I still say
Those were the greatest days of all