

Indigo Girls, Love By You

"Love of the Common People" is a song credited to "Hurley/ Wilkens." I honestly have no idea who these people are. I DO know that Emily calls this an "old folk song," and claims that she learned it from a nun. And, apparently, it has also been recorded by Paul Young. The girls have been performing it since at least 1986, and a live version of it appears on the "Reverse 1" CD.

Love of the Common People.

Living on free food tickets

There's water in the milk from a hole in the roof

Where the rain came through

What can you do?

You've got tears from your little sister

Crying 'cause she doesn't have a dress without a patch

For the party to go

But you know she's gonna get by.

-chorus-

Living in the love of the common people

Smiles from the heart of a family man

Daddy's gonna buy you a dream to cling to

Momma's gonna love you just as much as she can

And she can.

It's a good thing you don't have bus fare

It would fall through the hole in your pocket

And you'd lose it the snow on the ground

You better walk to town and find a job.

And you try to keep your hands warm

But the hole in your shoe lets the snow come through

And it chills you to the bone

You better go home, where it's warm.

-chorus-

Living on a dream ain't easy

But the closer the knit, the tighter the fit

And the chills stay away

We like to keep them in stride with family pride.

Faith is your foundation

Got a whole lot of love and a warm conversation

But don't forget to pray

It's keeping us strong where we belong.

-chorus-

Living in the love of the common people

(...You know that faith is your foundation)

Smiles from the heart of a family man

(...Little bit of love and a warm conversation)

Daddy's gonna buy you a dream to cling to

(...Don't forget to pray, it's keeping us strong)

Momma's gonna love you just as much as she can

(...Where we belong)

Living in the love of the common people

(...Oh, living on a dream ain't easy)

Smiles from the heart of a family man

(...But the closer the knit, the tighter the fit)

Daddy's gonna buy you a dream to cling to

(...We like to keep 'em in stride)

Momma's gonna love you just as much as she can

(...Family pride)

And she can.