Loretta Lynn, Rose Garden

(Joe South)

I beg you pardon I never promised you a rose garden Along with the sunshine there's gotta be a little rain sometimes When you take you gotta give so live and let live or let go I beg you pardon I never promised you a rose garden

I could promise you things like big diamond rings But you don't find roses growin' on stalks of clover so you'd better think it over When it's sweet talking you could make it come true I would give you the world right now on a silver platter but what would it matter So smile for a while and let's be jolly love shouldn't be so melancholy Come along and share the good times while we can I beg you pardon I never promised you a rose garden [steel] I could sing you a tune and promise you the moon But if that's what it takes to hold you I'd just as soon let you go But there's one thing I want you to know You better look before you leap still water runs deep And there won't always be someone there to pull you out And you know what I'm talking about So smile for a while and let's be jolly... I beg you pardon I never promised you a rose garden