

Is Everything So Beautiful?

By THE MISSION SINGERS

Why now? That's the question that runs through our minds when we hear Ray Steven's new hit, "Everything Is Beautiful." Why, in a time when most things are going wrong, should anyone sing a song about the beauty of a "starry summer night, a snow-covered winter's day," a world where everything is good? Who is he to be so happy?

Item: Young college kids shot to death on college campus by soldiers. Song passage: "We gonna get it all together now."

Item: Construction workers, helmets on their heads and clubs in their hands, attack protesters at peace rally in New York. Song passage: "Straighten it out in your mind."

Item: The war widens in Indo-China. Song passage: "Jesus loves the little children, all the little children of the world."

Why now? Can you answer, Ray Stevens? Two years ago, when times were happier, you came out with a hard song, "Mr. Businessman," in which you asked us the hard question: "Do you qualify to be alive, or is the limit of your senses so as only to survive?"

Now you say, "Everybody's beautiful in their own way." We can forgive the grammar, but what about the change of mood? What about the struggles that are going on today? Are you ignoring the problems? Don't the words of your song simply put sheep's clothing over a wolf's head? After all, Jesus Himself, whom you admire so much, told us to beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing.

Stop. Let's face it: the question is running through our minds; not only ours, but a lot of people's. But right along with that question runs the answer, one we'd rather not admit: "Under God's Heaven, the world's gonna find a way."

Young people today are getting more and more violent. That's because they don't want to face up to the answer. The fatalist — the guy who says nothing is going to work in the long run, so why bother in the

Mercy Sisters To Open Day Camp

A five - week summer day camp for boys and girls from 6 to 10 years old will be inaugurated June 29 at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse grounds on Blossom Road.

Titled "Camp Silver Birch," it will be operated Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM., camp director, said campers will be offered swimming instruction at the outdoor pool, crafts, sports, games, nature study, hikes, physical fitness and cookouts. Children must bring their own lunch and have transportation to and from the camp.

She noted that there will be one staff member for every five campers, a fulltime nurse, a certified Red Cross water instructor, and insurance for each camper.

Thirty children will be the maximum weekly enrollment, with registration on a first-come, first-served basis. A child may be enrolled for more than one week, and special financial consideration will be given to family groups. The weekly fee is \$35.

Information and registration may be obtained from Sister Mary Ann at St. John the Evangelist's Convent, 150 Floverton St., or by calling 482-8281.

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THE MUSIC BAG

'Everything Is Beautiful'

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world
Whether yellow, black or white, they are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Everything is beautiful in its own way,
Like a starry summer night, a snow-covered winter's day.
And everybody's beautiful in their own way.
Under God's Heaven, the world's gonna find a way.

There is none so blind as he who will not see.
We must not close our minds we must let our thoughts be free
Every hour that passes by, you know the world gets a little bit older.

It's time to realize that beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder.

We shouldn't care about the length of his hair or the color of his skin.

Don't worry about what shows from without but the love that's there within.

We gonna get it all together now, everything's gonna work out fine.

Just take a little time to look on the good side, my friend, and straighten it out in your mind.

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Do you honestly believe that "Everything is Beautiful?" Don't answer right now. But realize that the way you answer that question — and you will answer it — will decide the way you live the rest of your life. Is the song right?

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Jacob's Ladder, a sculpture by David Laughlin, symbolizes man's eternal desire to find the ultimate.

Don't let your basement dampen your fun.

What happens when you open your basement door?
Is it humid?
Damp?
Is there moist, stagnant air?
Sweating pipes?
Mold and mildew?
Rusting tools and toys?
Is the wood rotting?
Is the panel warping?
Dry out the humidity.
Plug in a compact, automatic dehumidifier.
It's the cleanest,
healthiest thing you can do for your home.
Start enjoying your summer in a clean,
dry basement rumpus room.
See your appliance dealer for a dehumidifier.

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