



Beth Urlacher's team won! See the picture pages 4B and 5B.

'Let's Work Together' THE MUSIC BAG

By THE MISSION SINGERS

Just a few weeks ago we did a couple of concerts in Maine. After the last one we had to leave right away for Albany. Travelling down the Maine Turnpike at around 12:30 a.m., we saw a car on the side of the very lonely road.

We stopped to see if help was needed and it sure was. A mother and her young baby had been sitting there in their stalled car for over two hours in twenty-degree weather. Not one of the dozens of cars that had passed by had stopped. Certainly, Let's Work Together, by Canned Heat, is most appropriate in a situation like that.

When you want to feel small, when you want to feel alone in a huge hostile world, there's nothing to compete with fifteen minutes on the empty roadside

of a superhighway in the middle of the night. Sad to say, most of us don't need that kind of trip to feel insignificant. A frequent question asked today is: "Where do I fit in, who am I, one person, in this world of three billion people? What is one person among so many?"

Let's Work Together provides a realistic answer. If you think about what the song is really saying, you realize it's asking for a new outlook on life. "Let's all work together and make life worthwhile." Life is meaningful when we make ourselves truly one with our world.

Our Western culture, and especially American society, has proudly emphasized the idea of rugged individualism. The "self-made man" was the hero and model that all people admired and imitated. But that idea just doesn't make it any more. To-

day we realize that in most cases the "self-made man" is just a hard worker with a lot of luck and friends in the right places.

In the same way, competition has become the way of life for our culture. But we've simply emphasized too much the need to climb up the ladder of success by stepping on other people's hands. The world and its people are not our enemies. Our goal in life is not to beat 'em but to join 'em.

That's why Let's Work Together can be considered so much more than a trite example of sloganeering. It's one pointer in the direction in which meaning lies. Meaning lies in the unity we have with our evolving world and with the people who live in it.

It helps to realize that while we'll always have difficulties, we're not surrounded by a world of people who are enemies, but rather, friends. Or, as the young mother on the Maine Turnpike said when she finally got someone to help her: "The world doesn't seem so big and terrible as it did a few minutes ago." It never has to be.

"Let's Work Together"

Together we stand, divided we fall.
Come on now, people, let's get on the ball,
And work together, come on, come on,
Let's work together, now now people.
Because together we will stand, every boy, every girl and man.

Because when things go wrong, as they sometimes will
And the road you travel it stays all uphill.
Let's work together, come on, come on, let's work together.
You know together we will stand every boy, girl, woman and man.

Oh well, now, two or three minutes, two or three hours.
What does it matter now in this life of ours.
Let's work together, come on, come on, let's work together, now
now people.
Because together we will stand every boy, every woman and man.

Well, now, make someone happy, make someone smile.
Let's all work together and make life worthwhile.
Let's work together, come on, come on, let's work together, now,
now people.
Because together we will stand every boy, girl, woman and man.

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