

TAKE ME FOR A WALK

(written for the aborted revision of *Park*)

Trio - Sara (daughter), Austin (father), Elizabeth (mother) -- [or quartet, including Jamie (son)]

lyrics by Tom Lehrer (no music written)

Take me for a walk
That's all I ask of you
A simple walk, perhaps a talk,
Exchanging points of view
 An occasional quiet little stroll
 Rejuvenates the soul
 Not too energetic [alt: Nothing too athletic]
 Merely peripatetic
Millionaires can't measure
What a simple pleasure -- means.
They just don't have a glimmer
Riding in their limou -- sines.

If they got out the lead
And tried to walk instead
They'd gladly throw their calendars away
And say:
Just take me for a walk with you
To -
Day.

*Optional: Cancel lunch and hold my calls
And hand me down my overalls
I'm going for a walk
Today.*

INTERLUDE : A: There surely must be something I can buy you
[mostly spoken] With which to ply you
 And satisfy you
 A trip to Tahiti?
S: Forget it, sweetie.
A: A new Ferrari?
E: [yawns] Terribly sorry.
A: A color TV? A Ph.D.? A nightingale? The Holy Grail?
 Well, how about a diamond ring
 Or anything I possess?
S,E: Sir, what do you take us for?
A: A walk, I guess.
S,E: That's more like it!

Take me for a walk
Take a walk with me
We'll traipse along, And sing a song,
As jaunty as can be.

An adventurous early morning hike
Is what I'd really like
No destination
And not much perspiration

We could simply mosey
To a green and cozy -- glen
Savor the aroma
Till we head for home a -- gain.

S,E: We could be climbing a peak with a stick and a pack

A: Spending a week with a crick in my back
But nevertheless I'll join you, if I may --

S,E: Okay!

(Alternating:) We can amble along
Or shamble along
Or toddle along
Or waddle along
Or swagger along
Or stagger along
Our way -- Hey!
Please take me for a walk with you
To --
Day.