

KEEP A SMILE ON YOUR FACE THROUGH THE TEARS

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1. The ways of life can break the toughest soldier,
it doesn't get easier as the world and you grow older;
Philosophize, in truth or lies, the "whys" will still forsake you,
no answer found has yet caught and bound the long-sought breakthrough.
But . . .

REFRAIN: Keep a smile on your face through the tears.
It'll get better, you'll see,
though you don't want to now
— confide in me.
One day you'll look back through the intervening years
and see it made you tough enough
to eventually break free.
Keep a smile deep in your heart through the tears.

2. The hourglass keeps sifting sands that never cease.
Some are messengers of war though you seek only peace.
Each grain, some happiness, some pain, must pass through you;
you own them all, each — as they fall, though you don't want to.
So . . .

[REPEAT REFRAIN]

3. We get suffering or nothing — life or non-existence;
Our best defenses assailed again by life's insistence
that seems unfair enough to wear the toughest bark to naught;
part of the package deal in this one-way ticket we bought.
Just . . .

[REPEAT REFRAIN]

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