

# ONCE UPON A TIME

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*Once upon a time there lived  
A boy who dreamed of rocket ships  
And floating weightless  
Once upon a time*

*He wanted to be Captain Kirk  
Impossible? There's no such word  
And brick walls only made  
him want to climb*

*Once upon a time  
we've all been dreamers  
But once-upon-a-times can fade  
Unless we seize each day*

*And if the life you live is true  
The dreams you have will come to you  
A teacher told me once upon a time*

*Once upon a time before  
An injured lion had to roar  
And millions heard it  
Once upon a time*

*And though it echoes still today  
What that lion had to say  
was for the cubs he soon  
must leave behind*

*Once and for all time  
they'd know he loved them  
Once and for all time he'd share  
his wisdom and his joy*

*He played the hand he had been dealt  
And when he fell so many felt  
He'd lifted them up once upon a time*

*(Musical interlude)*

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we've all been dreamers  
But once-upon-a-times can fade  
Unless we seize each day*

*And if the life you live is true  
The dreams you have will come to you  
A teacher told me once upon a time  
Randy taught us once upon a time*

