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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Randy taught us once upon a time