

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
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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*

