Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

Listen To Children

Take a moment to listen today
To what your children are trying to say
Listen today, whatever you do
Or they won't be there to listen to you

Listen to their problem, listen to their needs

Praise their smallest triumphs,

praise their smallest deeds

tolerate their chatter, amplify their laughter

Find out what's the matter, find out what they're after.

But tell them that you love them every single night
And though you scold them,
make sure you hold them tight.
And tell them "Everything's all right."

If we tell our children, all the bad in them we see
They'll grow up exactly how we hoped they'd never be
But if we tell our children, we're so proud to wear their name
They'll grow up believing they're winners in the game.

Take a moment to listen today
To what your children are trying to say
Listen today, whatever you do
And they will come back to listen to you!

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