

Tis a Gift to be Complex; 'Tis a Gift to Be Obtuse

Photo of Kelly Ackerman by June Etta Chenard



Tis a gift to be complex, 'tis a gift to be obtuse,
'Tis a gift of verbosity that all Friends like to use,
And when we find ourselves with the talk at an end,
We'll think of a reason to start up again.
When true complexity is gained,
To go on for hours we shan't be ashamed,
To sit here and starve would be our delight,
If we could talk and discuss with no end in sight.

From the "Pima Meeting Newsletter", and submitted by Keith McGowan, who is a member of Victoria Monthly Meeting.

Requests to Support Unworthy Causes

I have just been dealing with email about an FGC program, which has been persistently referred to in the correspondence as "racism training". I do hope we can talk of anti-racism training rather than racism training! I am sick of being asked to support cancer, MS, diabetes, the Wildlife Extinction Fund, and Violence Against Women, cystic fibrosis and other unworthy causes, and hope not to add racism to the list, much less be trained for it.

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The Quaker Meeting Song (Sung to the Tune of the 'Muppet Show Theme Song')

It's time to put on plain clothes,
It's time to shut your trap,
It's time to get things started
At the Quaker Meeting House.

There aren't too many of us.
We need to stay in touch,
And be guided by the Spirit,
Cause we don't read the Bible much.

Why do we always come here; we could be sleeping
in?

Instead of waking early, to let the Spirit in.

Solo: Rubber Peace Dove, you're the one.
You make Meeting lots of fun.

All: Shhhhh!!!

Solo: It's not easy being plain,
When grey's the colour of the Quaker.

All: Shhhhh!!!

It's time to have a vision.
It's time to speak in tongues.
It's time to work for justice,
Making plowshares out of guns.

It's time to put on plain clothes.
It's time to shut your trap.
It's time to get things started ...
Why don't we get things started?

It's time to get things started at the
Quake and shakenal, silentational,
Inspirational, non-confrontational
This is what we call the Quaker Meeting!
The Quaker Meeting!

This was submitted by Andrew Gage, of Vancouver Monthly Meeting, following a performance at CYM 2002.