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The Good Stuff

Well, me and my lady had our first big fight
So I drove around till I saw the neon light
The corner bar, it just seemed right so I pulled up
Not a soul around but the old bar keep
Down at the end lookin' half asleep
But he walked up and said, what'll it be?
I said the good stuff

He didn't reach around for the whiskey
He didn't pour me a beer
His blue eyes kinda went misty
He said you can't find that here

'Cause its the first long kiss on a second date Momma's all worried when you get home late And droppin' the ring in the spaghetti plate 'Cause you're hands are shakin' so much And its the way that she looks with her eyes and her hair Eatin' burnt suppers the whole first year And askin' for seconds to keep her from tearin' up Yeah man, that's the good stuff

He grabbed a carton of milk and he poured a glass
And I smiled and said I'll have some of that
We sat there and talked as an hour passed like old friends
I saw a black and white picture and it caught my stare
It was a pretty girl with bu-font hair
He said, that's my Bonnie, taken 'bout a year after we wed

He said, I spent five years in the bar when the cancer took her from me
But I've been sober three years now
'Cause the one thing's stronger than the whiskey
Was the sight of her holdin' my baby girl
The way she adored that string of pearls
I gave her the day that our youngest boy Earl
Married his high school love

And its a new t-shirt sayin' I'm a grandpa Bein' right there as our time got small And holdin' her hand when the Good Lord called her up Yeah man that's the good stuff He said, when you get home she'll start to cry
When she says, I'm sorry, say so am I
Look into those eyes so deep in love and drink it up
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David Brooks; The Second Mountain

Every so often, you meet people who radiate joy— who seem to know why they were put on this earth, who glow with a kind of inner light. Life, for these people, has often followed what we might think of as a two-mountain shape. They get out of school, they start a career, and they begin climbing the mountain they thought they were meant to climb. Their goals on this first mountain are the ones our culture endorses: to be a success, to make your mark, to experience personal happiness. But when they get to the top of that mountain, something happens. They look around and find the view....unsatisfying.



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Then they realize: This wasn't 'my' mountain after all. There's another, bigger mountain out there that is actually 'my' mountain. And so they embark on a new journey. On the second mountain, life moves from self-centered to other-centered. They want the things that are truly worth wanting, not the things other people tell them to want. They embrace a life of interdependence, not independence. They surrender to a life of four commitments....

.....to a spouse and/or family,

.....to a vocation,

.....to a philosophy or especially a faith,

.....and to a community of people.



THE GOOD LIFE

...in the life of a church.



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