

POEM OF THE WEEK

[DO] I HAVE TO PROVE?

"I saw a comment about Simon and Garfunkel, and their concert in Central Park in 1981. It said words, along the lines of "they were in their 40s, they had nothing to prove. They had already done it all." Set me thinking about what we "have to prove" to "to whom?"

Tell me, you arbiters of human behaviour
At what age, at what stage of our life
Can we rest, and say, "I've done my best
It's time for rest, I can surely attest

"That's it. What more do I have to prove
and to whom?" Save your criticism.
Shove it where it's dark. Who asked
For it to see the light, fuel the fight

Suffice it to say, I've been aware of my shortcomings
I have tried to be a better person. I have punished myself
Many times over for a shortcoming in my behaviour
Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell Were the stars of "Groundhog Day".

I was in my second marriage and I was a father to sons
My priorities were set and made clear' Earn! Earn! Earn!
No learning by repetition for me.
Excellent film, the lesson?

Learn while you can. Consider time as a gift; treat it as a gift
So, tell me, you arbiters of human behaviour
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I would be most interested to compare notes
And quotes; maybe I'll listen in silence
And say, "Thank you for sharing your opinion."
"It gives much to consider", and as you leave

"Who wants a coffee?"

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