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Graeme Connors is one of our most talented members. How nuance and wonderful he is you can hear by playing the line directly below. He has a great voice, and he is a renowned song writer and more. He loves to combine music with philosophy and humor. He sent his music to Max a while ago and it is now here for all of you to enjoy.

On the final page are the actual words of this song.

**Profit and Enjoy!**

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Graeme Connors has that rare and special ability to simplify complex ideas, reflect on serious issues with a wry smile, and combine philosophy and humor in a way that regularly produces an approving 'yep - that's me' nod from the listener.

The 'yep - that's me' effect is one part gift, one part the result of a lifetime honing his craft as a wordsmith, and the rest a genuine understanding of his subject matter.

Over a career spanning 20 albums and countless awards and accolades, Graeme has proven his capacity to reduce big ideas to twenty-five words or less, creating enduring songs like 'The Road Less Travelled', 'A Little Further North Each Year' and 'Let The Cane Field's Burn'.

'One Life' is the latest welcome addition to Graeme's impressive canon with lyrics such as "I'm in a place where what I have, is more than I can spend, where what you see is what you get, it's too hard to pretend..." triggering the 'yep - that's me' response yet again.

Recorded with renowned Producer Matt Fell, the song 'One Life', from his most recent album, 'from the backcountry', sees Graeme at the peak of his powers, turning wisdom gained from experience into a four-minute masterpiece, and reinforcing his position as one of Australia's Finest Singer-Songwriters.

### Socrates

Socrates was on to something centuries ago  
 when he said to know yourself is all you need to know  
 at first I didn't get it wrote him off as old and bent  
 now I've got some years behind me I know what he meant  
 it's the voyage of a lifetime it's the road that never ends  
 it's staying straight and true when everybody's got the bends  
 it's working out what I'm about and letting others be  
 so thank you Socrates

Moses heard the voice of God and transcribed every word  
 thou shalt not this thou shalt not that was all he ever heard  
 well we can't really blame him he was a victim of his times  
 but let's thank God for Jesus he took a different line  
 like 'love your brother as yourself that's all you need to do...  
 if he asks you for your shirt give him your jacket too...  
 stick with me and I'll show you a place in paradise'  
 thank you Jesus Christ

I have to say my heroes never were the sporting kind  
 I gravitated to the ones who exercised my mind  
 even though they're dead and gone  
 their contribution lingers on in me  
 imperfectly

Albert Schweitzer had it figured out he got the third degree  
 Philosophy and Medicine and of course Theology  
 and somewhere in his spare time he wrote the book on Bach  
 for him all human knowledge was a brisk walk in the park  
 'til he realised that action said much more than words could say  
 built a clinic in the jungle for the folks in Lamberéné  
 taught us all the simple truth of Reverence for Life  
 thank you Albert Schweitzer

Mortimer J. Adler was a man with Great Ideas  
 believed that education starts at the end of our school years  
 designed a life-long reading plan from Homer through to Freud  
 making sure our minds at least are never unemployed  
 proved that books are pointless if you leave them on a shelf  
 that we don't know just what we know 'til we show someone else  
 without him I don't think this song could've come this far  
 thank you Mortimer  
 thank you Albert Schweitzer  
 thank you Jesus Christ yeah  
 thank you Socrates

Songwriter Graeme Connors

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