Satisfied Mind

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Intro= one big hit on D

D C G
How many times,
D C D
Have you heard someone say,
C G
If I had his money,
D C D
I'd do things my way.
D C G
But little they know,
D C D
That it's so hard to find,
C G
One rich man in ten.
D C D
With a satisfied mind.

D C G
Once I was waiting,
D C D
For fortune and fame,
C G
And all that I dreamed of,
D C D
To get a start in life's game.
D C G
Then suddenly it happened,
D C D
I lost every dime,
C G
But I'm richer by far,
D C D
With a satisfied mind.

D C G
'Cause money won't buy back,
D C D
Your youth when you're old,
C G
Or a friend when you're lonely,
D C D
Or a heart that's grown cold.
D C G
And the wealthiest person,
D C D
Is a pauper at times,
C G
Compared to the man,
D C D
With a satisfied mind.

D C G
When my life is ended,
D C D
My time has run out,
C G
My friends and my loved ones,
D C D
I'll leave them no doubt.
D C G
There's one thing for certain,
D C D
When it comes my time,
C G
I'll leave this old world,
D C D
With a satisfied mind.

Scripture & History

Ecclesiastes 5:10 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity.

Isaiah 55:2 "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance.

Luke 10:44 "Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys."

"The song came from my mother. Everything in the song are things I heard her say over the years. I put a lot of thought into the song before I came up with the title. One day my father-in-law asked me who I thought the richest man in the world was, and I mentioned some names. He said, 'You're wrong, it is the man with a satisfied mind.' It has been done a lot in churches. I came out of the Opry one night and a church service was going on nearby. The first thing I hear was the congregation singing 'Satisfied Mind.' I got down on my knees."

Joe Herman "Red" Hayes

Andrew Jackson Rhodes

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