

19. Every Day's A Special Day

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(Chorus):

When you open your eyes to the subtle surprise
Every day's a special day
Though clouds may disguise the morning sunrise
Every day's a special day

The varied patterns of the lines on a leaf
The swirling path as it falls to the earth
The infinite shapes of the trees in the winter
Though the branches are bare the beauty is there
(Repeat Chorus)

Your beating heart, as you walk up a hill
The land expanding and filling the view
The tilting hawk as it glides on the breeze
The feeling of breathing fully and freely

Things you don't usually see
Pop out when you pause from the rush
Something so simple it's always been there
Comes out of hiding somewhere

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Though clouds may disguise the morning sunrise
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The beautiful understated features of the natural world are easily overlooked with the fast pace of modern life. When we are assaulted with visual and auditory stimulation through electronic media and digital devices our senses can be deadened to the faint and delicate qualities of nature. Getting away from the noise and taking a walk can restore the senses and refresh the soul. The message of this song encourages us to notice things that may be disguised or in the background.

The instant-sing line for this song is, "Every day's a special day." It repeats each time we sing the chorus.

Follow up: *Are there things that have made this day special for you? Use the instrumental version of this song to create a lyric that includes things you have noticed that make the day special.*