

ON THE BRINK OF EVERYTHING GREAT

(Based upon *On The Brink of Everything* by Parker J. Palmer) by David Bradshaw – Key of Em

Em B7 Em B7
We are born into this world from mystery,
Em B7 Em B7
And, when life's done, we return to mystery.
 C B7 C B7
The meaning of life no one can be sure,
 C B7 C D Em B7 Em B7
But I can & do control my intention to serve.

Em B7 C B7
To free my adventurous true soul,
Em B7 Em B7
I must flee my old self-seeking ego.
C B7 C B7
I'm aging now as my time slips away,
C B7 C D Em B7 Em B7
Moving beyond my lying childish days.

A B C B
How shall I then live, my dearest friends?
A B C D
How shall I then die, when it finally ends?
D E F E
As my small life on earth now grows old,
D E F G F E
May the dross graciously turn to gold.

Em B7 Em B7
Now it's time to jettison my mental junk,
Em B7 Em B7
Long-held views I must rid from my trunk.
C B7 C B7
I'm called to embrace both darkness & light,
C B7 C B7
To co-create a unified heart, that's right.

Em B7 Em B7
My big chance to connect both battery poles,
Em B7 Em B7
Come let's re-connect, both young and old.
C B7 C B7
I'm investing my life now, becoming a mentor,
C B7 C B7 Em B7 Em
Sharing lessons-learned, seeking what's in store... yeah there's more!

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 I embrace suffering and joy, a holy couple,
 Em B7 Em B7
 God teach my heart how to remain supple.
 C B7 C B7
 A spiritual trip to new reality from illusion,
 C B7 C B7
 Means embracing diversity & full inclusion.
 Em B7 Em B7
 The great quest in life to find our true-self,
 Em B7 Em B7
 Is found loving God & neighbor as our-self.
 C B7 C B7
 We now join our inner journey toward soul,
 C B7 C B7 Em B7 Em
 With outward action - to rejoin soul & role.

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 The key is moving toward that which I fear,
 Em B7 Em B7
 Not away from it, as if it's something queer.
 C B7 C B7
 Matter and spirit have been forever joined,
 C B7 C B7
 Intertwined - two sides of the same coin.
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