

Human Rights Conversation

Did you say "who man rights"?
Everybody has rights
What rights do everybody has?
Apparently a right to bad grammar
You leave my gra'ma out of this
She has rights too
What, only two?
A lot more than two
Go on then, tell me
Everyone has the right to life and liberty
Freedom to think and choose opinions and beliefs
The right to live in peace without interference from anyone
A right to free speech but without inciting a breach of the peace
A right to peacefully associate with one's friends
A healthy mind, body, spirit, education and privacy
A right to making medical decisions concerning one's own body
However, nobody has any right to torture or enslave another
Nor to persecute any minority group
Nor to impose their religion onto other people
We have a right to say "No"
And also to self defence
You have the right to remain silent
Said an artist to his Haywain
Innocent until proven guilty in a fair trial
A right not to be discriminated against
To own property, raise a family
Community activities, leisure and rest
The right to grow old, and the pursuit of happiness
That does seem like a lot of rights, is there anything left?
Ah, left and right, like yin and yang
A matter of balance, and a balance of matters
As we all matter equally
Men, women, children, animals
Every race, colour, culture, faith, no faith
We're all the same with a right to be different
Gay, straight, binary, non-binary, LGBTQI
Being serious or not, as even humour writes.

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