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Intro. Things about life just seem destined to be changed,
 (just) right when we're used to them being around.
 Doesn't matter if you set schedules or keep everything arranged,
 'cause life throws you a curve-ball that'll knock you to the ground!
 Sometimes it's people you know (and've) come to love –
 they could move out of your life before you'd even know!
 Sometimes it's a meaningful place thought fondly of –
 which could be replaced by an every-day drive-thru window!
 Don't be caught off-guard as things change around you, though.
 For in this world – for now, that's just how things go.
 (It's just how things go.)
 (but) Don't get discouraged when things don't end up just right.
 When things get turned up-side down, just remember this advice:

***"The winds of change will always blow -- day by day.
 What will you do when they're heading your way?"***

... Well, I guess I'll tell 'ya what some people may do, and then
 what I'll do – when confronted by changes...!

Poem Vs 1. With the passive folk, won't a thing be done,
 they'll let the winds blow just as they may,
 "Ya' can't tame nature," says one...
 another may say "It'll happen anyway!"

Well, perhaps preparation helps only so much,
 for the passive this advice just seems due.
 Follow after Jesus! Not any doubting, or some such!
 Be expecting! Trust Him – and God SHALL enrich you!

Chorus. I'll be walkin' 'round through life, on the inside of a bubble –
 Saved by God's grace, and now I'm happily singin' His praises!
 Livin' life -- I've got no fear for ANY kind of trouble –
 ('cause) I'm clay in His hands, and thus I'm meant for changes!

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Poem Vs 2. The bold people will stand to face whatever may come,
 placing their trust in no other – yet, last I checked,
 NO ONE knew it all!... Just how someone could become
 so sure of them-self – admittedly keeps me perplexed!

On one hand, as does the 'Good Book' decree,
 'Trust God in all things, not in your own understanding!'
 Meanwhile we're programmed to think and live "freely" –
 all the while, they've been telling us how we're to be living!

*(repeat chorus with "I'm just walkin'" in place of "I'll be walkin")
 [24-measure guitar solo including modulation]*

Poem Vs 3. Ironically – those who cannot seem to cope with change
 really DO have faith, though they may think it's broken.
 The problem, I'm afraid – which I'll admit may sound strange,
 these folks can't trust ANYONE (even themselves); how bleak a notion!

Issue avoidance might indeed postpone one's sorrows or pain,
 but why would one dig to bury their head underground!?
 Believe in and obey God, and I know you shall gain
 freedom from sorrow – (a) **trusting** faith you'll have found!

(repeat chorus as above, one time – followed by optional ad lib of remainder)

This work has been dedicated to Mike Neff and his family, now serving the Lord in their new music ministry in Lawton, OK. Mike has served four wonderful years with us at Arrow Heights Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, OK – but when the time came for an unplanned move across the state, he was unsure for a time. But the Neff's prayed and sought God's will – and then, when God said "Go" they were faithful and obedient unto God! Mike, though we're going to miss you terribly (Lawton is VERY LUCKY!!!) we do know you're serving God obediently and faithfully. So for all the changes in the world, and this big one for you, Mike Neff and family, This song-poem is dedicated to you – a truly awesome and talented leader, a loving family, all good examples for others. Mike is truly a faithful and obedient servant of God! May God Bless you each!

