



A SIMPLE WISH

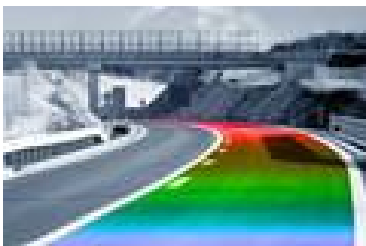
A man was riding his Harley motor bike beside a Sydney beach, when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and in a booming voice the Lord said 'Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish.'

The biker pulled over and said: 'Build a bridge to New Zealand so I can ride over anytime I want.'

The Lord said: 'Your request is materialistic, think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking, the supports required reaching the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind.'

The biker thought hard about it for a long time. Finally, he said: 'Lord, I wish that I and all men could understand our wives. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, and how I can make a woman truly happy'.

The Lord replied: 'You want two lanes or four on that bridge?'



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Do you remember when.....?

- ❖ All the girls at school wore ugly gym slips?
- ❖ Nearly everyone's Mum was at home when the kids got home from school?
- ❖ Laundry detergent had free glasses, dishes or towels hidden inside the box?
- ❖ When you owned your first radiogram?

- ❖ It took 5 minutes for the TV to warm up?



- ❖ It was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents?
- ❖ They threatened to keep children back a year at school if they failed – and they did!
- ❖ No-one ever asked where the car keys were, because they were always in the car, in the ignition and the doors were never locked



- ❖ Stuff from the shop came without safety caps and hermetic seals, because no-one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger
- ❖ When being sent to the head teacher's office was nothing, compared to the fate that awaited you at home?
- ❖ School milk being warmed by the radiators in the winter-time?
- ❖ Telephone numbers had a word prefix –eg. Mayfair 3489? And party lines?



- ❖ You got Greenshield stamps with your petrol?
- ❖ Catching 'tiddlers' could happily occupy an entire day?
- ❖ Decisions were made by saying 'eeny-meeny-miney-mo'?
- ❖ Putting cigarette cards into the spokes of your bike?
- ❖ Comptometers were the latest 'in' office machines?

And despite all our progress into the 21st century, don't you just wish, just once, that you could slip back in time and savour the slower pace of life and share it with the children of today?