

Smoke Rings

*Lyrics and Music by David Tschoban
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*The seedling you had on your arm
Was the furthest one to do you harm
She stood beside you all the while
Like a number kept somewhere on file
Down on your luck
This situation sucks
You could clap at twenty one
Celebrate things to come
Remember when you roll to bed
It's not the poisons in your head
The rings you've got beneath your bark
The way and how deep you leave your mark*

*Wait until the signal comes
You will know when you see one
Waving blankets on the heat
Ones that cover me in sleep
Count the rings and make them count
You can't run inside the ground*

*It's not the that you coins you have in stock
But the rings you've got beneath your bark
You may look higher up from the ground
But the air up there is thin, I've found
Turn on a dime
Unmarked twenties will be fine
One ring wider every year
Every memory is not as clear
Remember what you've just been taught
It's the rings you've got beneath your bark
Your branches, they don't scare me none
Cause the ends are brown and you can't run, no*

Chorus

*The sun, it seems so far away
The shade just turns my motive grey
Look up and see a sheltered life
The green, you see, is your only wife
Whistle in the wind
Don't be sorry that you did
The hail came down as rain
But it didn't feel the same
Remember when you plant your roots
To be damn sure that the soil suits
The rings you've got beneath your bark
The first at light and the first at dark*

Chorus

*The man with the gold
Makes the golden rule
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Makes the golden rule*

*In one hand pills and the other bills
You think you're safe from mines on stilts
If you don't step light, you will fly
When you land, you won't know why
Land on your face
Take 4th in the race
No matter how they scratch, man
The bark protects your back
So remember when you walk the line
To be certain that you're right on time
The rings you've got beneath your bark
The inch you stay behind the lark*

Chorus