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TUNA

-- for Jim Cloonan

Whenever Jim felt depressed he sat down and opened up a can of tuna. He was very careful not to spill any tuna or tuna juice on the guitar he happened to be playing. His philosophy was obvious. He'd say something like, "You open up a can and there's food inside. There's food inside every can in the cupboard. You open them up and eat what's inside -- especially tuna!"

Conversely, when the world was treating him well, Jim knew exactly what to do in order to enhance his bliss. He would sit back and enjoy a can of tuna. "Yeah," he said when I asked him why he eats tuna when he's depressed and why he also eats tuna when he's feeling good, "there's nothing like a can of tuna. Besides, I like fish."