

# Don't Be a Dropout

James Brown

Now a good friend of mine  
Sat with me and he cried  
He told me a story  
I know he ain't lying Said he went for a job  
And Mr. Man said  
Without an education  
You might as well be dead Now don't get me wrong  
He said, it's not who you are  
But people come to me  
From near and far But I do just what  
And I follow the rules  
I didn't have an education  
So I had to go back to school Tell me one more time, people now  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
You might as well be dead One more time  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
You might as well be dead My friends told all his buddies  
That he loved so well  
And of their personal troubles  
I will not tell Now those guys didn't seem good  
And they didn't seem bad  
They didn't seem so happy  
And I know they weren't sad But the point isn't  
That they follow the rules  
They got an education  
And they all been in school Now underneath his tears  
I could see the true fact  
When he dropped out of school  
He never, never went back Tell me one more time, people  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
You might as well be dead Got to, got to, got to listen now, now  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
Might as well be dead So one day he got tired  
Of his little spending change  
So he looked up his friends

To check their pay range When he got there, the crib  
He found that he was a drag  
'Cause man, they were clean  
And his clothes were like rags One was a business man  
With the plenty of dough  
He had his thing so set up  
You know he couldn't blow The other had his job so uptight  
He had his whole family  
And his kids all out of sight Tell me one more time now  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
Might as well be dead You got to, got to, got to get a little learning  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
Might as well be dead What made him so hurt  
That these were his friends and he was a drag  
They looked at him  
And he was in the same old bag For his friends they worked real hard  
When the work day was through  
Now, he realized  
He should have done the same thing too Tell me one more time now  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
Might as well be dead You got to, got to, got to get a little learning now  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
Might as well be dead For the last time, I'm gonna say  
They kept on pushing  
When the going was tough  
And now they know  
That things don't seem so rough So kids, stay in school  
Don't be no drag  
Take a fool's advise  
And stay out of that bag Look here, tell me, Bobby tell me one more time  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
Might as well be dead Tell me, The Jewels, tell me now one more time  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
Might as well be dead Everybody, tell me one more time  
What do you say?  
Without an education  
Might as well be dead You got to, got to, got to, got to get some learning now  
What do you say?  
Without an education

Might as well be dead Don't be a drop-out, stay in school now listen to me

What do you say?

Kids, kids

Might as well be dead No, no

What do you say?

Without an education

Might as well be dead Stay in school, have a good time

What do you say?

Don't, don't, don't ever blame

Don't ever blame, don't ever blame, come on

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