

Don't Be a Dropout

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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 rangeWhen he got there, the crib
He found that he was a drag
'Cause man, they were clean

And his clothes were like ragsOne was a business man
With the plenty of dough
He had his thing so set up

You know he couldn't blowThe other had his job so uptight
He had his whole family

And his kids all out of sightTell me one more time now
What do you say?
Without an education

Might as well be deadYou got to, got to, got to get a little learning
What do you say?
Without an education

Might as well be deadWhat 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 bagFor his friends they worked real hard
When the work day was through
Now, he realized

He should have done the same thing tooTell me one more time now
What do you say?
Without an education

Might as well be deadYou got to, got to, got to get a little learning now
What do you say?
Without an education

Might as well be deadFor 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 roughSo kids, stay in school
Don't be no drag
Take a fool's advise

And stay out of that bagLook here, tell me, Bobby tell me one more time
What do you say?
Without an education

Might as well be deadTell me, The Jewels, tell me now one more time
What do you say?
Without an education

Might as well be deadEverybody, tell me one more time
What do you say?
Without an education

Might as well be deadYou 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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