

# Getting Ready to Get Down

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[Verse 1]

Mama got a look at you and got a little worried  
Papa got a look at you and got a little worried  
The pastor got a look and said, "Y'all had better hurry"  
Send her off to a little Bible college in Missouri[Verse 2]  
At night, you come back, saying you know a little bit about  
Every little thing they ever hoped you'd never figure out  
Eve ate the apple cause the apple was sweet  
What kinda God would ever keep a girl from getting what she needs?[Chorus]  
And I'm

Getting ready to get down  
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Getting ready to get down[Verse 3]  
Now, people cross the street when you walk in their direction  
Talk between their teeth and throwin' epithets  
And the doctor thinks the devil must've got you by your senses  
But to live the way you please doesn't sound like possession[Verse 4]  
Spent four long years studying the Bible  
Infidels, Jezebels, Salomes and Delilahs  
Back off the bus in your own hometown  
Say you didn't like me then, you probably won't like me now[Chorus]  
But I'm

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Getting ready to get down[Bridge]  
All the men of the country club, the Ladies of 'Xiliary  
Talk about love like it's apple pie and liberty  
To really be a saint, you gotta really be a virgin  
Dry as a page of the King James versionNo "la-las," no "hell yeahs"  
No "I can't wait 'til I gotta see you agains"  
Just turn the other cheek, take no chances  
Jesus hates your high school dances[Verse 5]  
Said your soul needed saving, so they sent you off to Bible school  
You learned a little more than they had heard was in the Golden Rule  
"Be good to everybody, be a strength to the weak  
Be a joy to the joy, be the laughter in the grief"[Verse 6]  
And give your love freely to whoever that you please  
Don't let nobody tell you 'bout to who you oughta be  
And when you get damned in the popular opinion

It's just another damn of the damage not given[Chorus]

I'm

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Getting ready to get down[Verse 1][Verse 7]

At night, you come back, saying you know a little bit about

Every little thing they hoped you'd never figure out

The Red Sea, The Dead Sea, the Sermon on the Mount

If you wanna see a miracle, watch me get down tonight[Chorus]

And I'm

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Getting ready to get down

Getting ready to get down

Ah, I, I'm

Getting ready to get down

Getting ready to get down

Getting ready to get down

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