My Old Man

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When I was a young boy in Brooklyn Going to public school

During recess in the concrete playground

They lined us up by twosIn alphabetical order, Reagan, Reed and Russo

I still remember the names

And stickball and stoopball were the only games

That we playedAnd I wanted to be like my old man

I, I wanted to grow up just like my old man

I wanted to be like my old manI wanted to dress like, I wanted to be just like

I wanted to act like my old man

I wanted to be like, I wanted to act like

I wanted to be just like my old manAnd then like everyone else

I started to grow

And I didn't want to be

Like my father anymoreI was sick of his bullying

And having to hide under a desk on the floor

And when he beat my mother

It made me so mad that I could chokeAnd I didn't want to be like my old man

I, I didn't even want to look like my old man

I didn't even want to seem like my old manA son watches his father, being cruel to his mother

And makes a vow to return only when

He is so much richer, in every way so much bigger that

The old man will never hit anyone againLike my old man

Like my old man

Like my old man

Like my old manAnd can you believe what he said to me

He said, "Lou, just act like a man

Why don't you act just like a man?

Act like your daddy, act like a man"Oh, why don't you act just like a man?

Like your old manJust like my old man

Just like my old man

Just like my old man

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