

We Are The People Our Parents Warned Us About

[Jimmy Buffett](#)

I was supposed to have been a Jesuit priest or a Naval Academy grad
That was the way that my parents perceived me
Those were the plans that they had
Though I couldn't fit the part too dumb or too smart
Ain't it funny how we all turned out
I guess we are the people our parents warned us about You know I could have worked the rigs when the money
was big
Or hopped a freighter south to Trinidad
And when they tried to draft me I earned a college degree
Buyin' time till things were not so bad
But when I got a guitar found a job in a bar, playin' acid rock till I was numb
Tell me where are the flashbacks they all warned us would come We are the people they couldn't figure out
We are the people our parents warned us about
Hey hey, Gardner McKay, take us on the leaky Tiki with you
Clear skies bound for Shanghai, sailin' on the ocean blue Now I got quarters in my loafers tryin' to fight inflation
When it only used to take a cent
Sometimes I wish I was back in my crash pad days
Before I knew what cash flow meant Seems everybody's joggin' or heavy into health shit
Don't tell me that I ought to get rolffed
'Cause I love Cajun martinis and playin' afternoon golf We are the people there isn't any doubt
We are the people they still can't figure out
We are the people who love to sing 'Twist and Shout'
(Shake it up, baby now)
We are the people our parents warned us about

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