

Grow Up America

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John and Mary
had two kids
named Mark and Terri
but they didn't treat them very well.

Made their childhood
... A living hell.
And as those hurtin' years went by
the kids just kept the pain inside.
Nobody knew.
What those kids had to go-o-o through.

[Refrain]
Grow up America
We've got kids to raise.
If the kids are the future
We ought to turn the page
from today to a newer, brighter way.

'Cause a kid' got to be a kid
and have a safe place to stay
And when grown-ups won't grow up
it's the kids who have to pay.

They need a shinin' light
and they got the right
to be kept out of harm's way.

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[Instrumental]

Mark and Terri got some help
They're both grown up and doing well,
Better than you'd expect

After all the abu-u-u-se ... and neglect.

Now they have children of their own
But they won't pass that curse along
They threw the hurt away.
And raised their kids... a better way.

[Refrain #2]

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[Coda]

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