

When he was a little boy  
His father used to say,  
"You want to grow to be a man?  
You'd better start today"

Listen closely to my words  
And I will show you how  
There're seven steps to manhood  
And I'll teach them to you now

The only thing you'll ever own  
Is what you hold inside  
Your dignity, intelligence  
Your loyalty and pride

Ego and indifference  
Are cancers of the weak  
Honesty is godliness  
Be truthful when you speak

If you want to be remembered  
When your earthly life is through  
Then teach your sons to leave their mark  
On everything they do

Know when to turn the other cheek  
Know when to seek revenge  
The vine that never picks a side  
Dies rotting on the fence

Son, you wanna grow up  
Think you ought to slow up  
I see disaster in everything you do

Dad, when I grow up  
Things are gonna blow up  
I'm gonna be a man just like you

When the son became a father  
Then he told his children, too  
"Be mindful of the things I say  
And not the things I do"

It's very hard to be the man  
You read about in books  
The knights and kings you fantasized  
Now commoners and crooks

But no one can imprison  
An educated mind  
So be yourself and free yourself  
By learning all the time

If you should discover  
You've given all you can  
There's nothing more to answer for  
That's how to be a man

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