

Getting Ready To Get Down

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Pastor got a look and said, "Ya'll had better hurry"
Send her off to a little Bible college in Missouri
And now you come back sayin' 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?
And I'm getting ready to get down
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Now people cross the street when you walk in their direction
Talk between their teeth throwin' epithets
And the doctor thinks a devil musta got you by your senses
But to live the way you please doesn't sound like possession
It's four long years studyin' the Bible
Infidels, jezebels, salomes, and delilahs
Back off the bus in your own home town
Sayin' you didn't like me then probably won't like me now
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All the men of the country club
The ladies of the 'xilliary
Talkin' 'bout 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 Version
No "ooh la la's", no "oh hell yesses"
No "I can't waits I gotta see you againses"
Turn the other cheek and take no chances
Jesus hates your high school dances

They said your soul needed savin' so they sent you off to Bible school
You knew a little more than they had heard was in the Golden Rule
Be good to everybody, be a strength to the weak
A joy to the joyful, be the laughter in the grief
And give your love freely to whoever that you please
Don't let nobody tell you 'bout who you oughta be
And when you get damned in the popular opinion
It's just another damn of the damns you're not giving
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The Red Sea, the Dead Sea, the Sermon on the Mount

If you wanna see a miracle watch me get down
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