

# A Handshake Will Do

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Well, I was at the hardware store the other day  
You know I'm a big "do-it-yourselfer"  
My wife says - "I need you to do this"  
And I said - "do it yourself" - Ha - ha - I really didn't say that.  
Anyway, this time she convinced me to fix a clog in the sink  
So I went to the hardware store.  
I saw a guy there I'd seen a couple times before  
And he came up to me and I held out my hand to shake  
'Cause I'm a friendly guy like that - but he didn't shake my hand.  
He came right in and gave me a big hug  
And I tho't - whoa that's kinda strange  
I've only met this fella a couple times before.  
But he kept huggin' me - and it was really weird  
Just to be honest with you - and I didn't know what to do.

I was purchasing a pipe wrench and a p-trap  
When I got bear hugged by a guy I barely know  
He hung on a little long  
It was awkward - it was wrong  
Guys let's stop huggin' when a handshake will do.

Now I ain't sayin' it's wrong to show emotion  
Kissin' cheeks in France may not be taboo  
But in your hometown hardware store  
Keep in mind that less is more  
Guys let's stop huggin' when a handshake will do.

Cause there's a time and a place  
To share an embrace  
Like when your brother comes home from the Army  
Or you haven't seen your Dad in a year or two  
Yeah times like that are fine, but it's time to draw the line  
Guys let's stop huggin' when a handshake will do.

Don't fist bump me - Don't hand jive me  
Don't slap rump me - Don't high five me  
Let's just shake hands like Americans  
And hug when you're sposed to

Like when your 10 year old boy scores a touchdown  
And maybe when your best friend says "I do"  
Oh yeah times like that are fine but it's time to draw the line  
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I said Holster that hug hoss  
A handshake will do

Or I just might hafta take yer "Man-Card"  
And that's all there is to it.