

Don't Call Me Brother

The O'Jays

Don't you call me brother

Unless you really, really
Mean it

Don't you call me brother

Unless you get yourself together

How can you call me brother
When you don't even respect my woman
When I can't even trust you behind my back

How can you call me brother -- How can you do it?
When you keep tryin' to rip me off?
How in the world can you call me brother
When we can't even have
A man-to-man talk?

And I'm tellin' you --

Don't you call me brother

Hey! Don't do it
Unless you really, really, really mean it (You don't really mean it)
Don't do it

Don't you call me brother

Until you get yourself
Get yourself together, brother

How can you call me brother --
When you ain't even searchin' for the truth?
How can you call me brother
I can't never depend on you? Ohhh

How can you call me brother
When you still -- you still
Cheat and you lie? You cheat and you lie. Yeah -- Ohhh!
How can you call me brother
When you can't even look me in my eye?

And I'm tellin' you --

Don't you call me brother

Hey!
Unless you really, really, really mean it (You don't really mean it, No, No)
Don't do it

Don't you call me brother

Until you get yourself
Get yourself together, together (Brother!)

So I'm tellin' you:

Don't you call me brother

Don't You -- Don't You --

Unless you really, really, really, really mean it!

Don't come around here -- with all this money and shaking

Don't do it -- Don't do it -- Don't do it!

Don't you call me brother

You don't really mean it -- You're just trying to rip me off --

I don't Go away! Go Away! Don't do it!

Don't you call me brother

Hanging around people's houses

Corruptin' the neighborhood -- You are! You are!

Don't you call me brother

Naw, Naw, Naw! --

Naw, Naw, Naw, Naw, Naw!

Don't you call me brother

Unless you really, really, really, really mean it!

You don't even have any self respect! Naw, Naw!

How can you respect somebody else!?

IIIII -- know all about you

I've watched you running around

The neighborhood --

(Don't you call me call me brother)

Tryin' to rip me off

I said, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!

Just the other day

When I was hanging out down on the main drag, Yeah!

I went in to get me a small teeny, weeny totti that evening, Yeah!

And when I come out, Yeah! I came out, Yeah! I came out, Yeah!

And I got a bad case of the blues when I saw my tires gone!

I opened up the door -- Yeah! --

And there was the glove compartment

All torn out on my dashboard!

And, here you come, here you come

Here you come, skinnin' and grinnin'. Yeah!

Skinnin' and grinnin', Yeah!

I know you did it!

Here you come with a power sign --

And talking about -- talkin' about --

"My man! Solid on down! My brother!"

I said I don't like --

How can you really, really -- really, really, mean it!?

I know about you -- I know what you're good for!

I know what you're doing around here!

I know all about you -- I know all about you

I know -- I know, I know you're a --

Backbiter! -- Backstabber!

Low down -- cheatin' -- rotten -- No good -- No good -- (Whoo!!!)

Son of a seacup!

Yeah, Yeah! You don't really mean it!

I know you're dirty!

Don't call me --

I know you're dirty!

Don't call me!

I know you're dirty! Brother!

How can you call me brother?

When you don't really mean it -- I can't use it!

Can't even trust you behind my back, Naw, Naw!

I can't use it -- That kind of carrying on, I don't like it!

Giving me the old glad-hand shake! Don't do it!

I can't use it!

Tellin' me -- right on, right on -- right on, right on!

It ain't no good!

Whooo!!!

Heyyy, Heeyyy!!! I hate you --

Don't you -- Don't you -- Don't you call me ---

Brother -- brother -- brother!

Whooo!!!

Don't you call me!