

Be What You Are

The Staple Singers

Oh man, you heard enough
Trying to live a riskin' life
Don't go out and buy a Cadillac
If you know your money ain't right

Fun is so much easier
When within your mean
If you can't afford caviar
Don't be ashamed to eat pork and beef, yeah

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Just because you made this child
Attend some private school
You try to send yours
Knowing only time will really might able to

Don't try to live like a king, yeah
On a poor man's take
That's one reason there are so many
People are hurting today, Lord

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Don't try to live this high
When you see your boss man do, yeah
Just remember you work for him
And he don't work for you

It was something that you want, oh
And you know you can't afford it
Don't be ashamed to put a lid down on it
[?] hold it, yeah

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