

Mama told me when I was young,  
"Come sit beside me, my only son,  
And listen closely to what I say.  
And if you do this it'll help you some sunny day. Oh, yeah!"

Oh, take your time, don't live too fast;  
Troubles will come and they will pass.  
You'll find a woman, yeah, yeah, you'll find love,  
and don't forget son, there is someone up above.

And be a simple, kind of man.  
Oh be something, you love and understand.  
Baby be a simple, kind of man.  
Oh, won't you do this for me son, if you can?

Forget your lust for the rich man's gold;  
all that you need, is in your soul,  
And you can do this, oh baby, if you try:  
All that I want for you, my son, is to be satisfied.

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Boy, don't you worry, you'll find yourself.  
Follow your heart, lord, and nothing else.  
And you can do this, oh baby, if you try:  
All that I want for you my son, is to be satisfied.

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