

# Teenagers, Kick Our Butts

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When I grew up, well it felt great  
I watched how others took their fate  
Some felt afraid and undefended, so they got mean  
And they pretended what they knew made them belong more than you.  
I'm sure you know there's lots to learn  
But that's not your fault, that's just your turn, yeah, yeah

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We drink and smoke to numb our pain  
We read junk novels on the plane  
We use authority for show so we can be a little smarter  
We still can grow, and many do  
It's when we stop we can't reach you  
We feel the loss, you feel the blame  
We're scared to lose, don't be the same, hey hey

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The hometown brought its hero in  
To speak at the high school gym  
He took a breath, he took a chance  
He strode up in his leather pants  
And said, "Gee, thanks... but  
I'm here today because I fought for what I felt and what I thought  
They put me down they, were just wrong  
And now it's they who don't belong, oh, oh

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And when the media tries to act your age  
Don't be seduced, they're full of rage  
Find your voice, do what it takes  
Make sure you make lots of mistakes  
And find the future that redeems  
Give us hell, give us dreams  
And grow and grow and grow

And someday when some teenagers come to kick your butts  
Well then like I do try to  
Love  
Kick our butts  
Love  
Kick our butts  
Oh I love  
Kick our butts