

# Take This Dirty Water

Elton John

Spare the rod don't spare the fool  
If you take the breaks you're given  
You get to make the rules  
Take a chance and make it fast  
If you break some bones on landing  
You know you're built to last

Fight the tide and find the shore  
If the gift horse isn't smiling  
Just learn to ride some more  
Common sense is a rule of thumb  
If the suckers throw a red flag  
Blow 'em all to Kingdom Come

And take this dirty water  
Running like a river  
In and out of everything  
We helped to put together  
Take this dirty water  
Help to keep it clean  
Get back to the wellspring  
Purify the stream

Search out days that never end  
If it's only for the chance  
To feel just like a child again  
Tell a lie that speaks the truth  
If the heart becomes a prisoner  
Your soul will turn you loose

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