

## Rick James

Jude.

This is just the basic, this is not the best  
Everybody knows that the trouble starts when you talk all about the rest  
First, you went to college and then you got yourself degrees  
Then, you got some pretty girls to get down on their knees  
You took yourself some pictures and you showed them to your friends  
Now, you're going straight to hell and that's where your story ends

Well, one of those girls was a friend of mine  
One of those ones you took  
One of those girls didn't want to see her face on the cover of a dirty book  
One of those girls took her life last night just in case you had not heard  
And everybody knows that the pretty ones go down doing it for the work and

Chorus:

Don't be fooled  
Don't be flattered  
It's not like you ever mattered  
When the world around is falling down and every ship's been shattered  
Don't be fooled  
Don't flattered  
It's not like you ever mattered  
Not to me  
Ah, Rick James was the original super freak

Man, you're not so perfect  
Man, you're not a pearl  
You're nothing more, man, than a little piece of sand  
That grew up inside of a girl  
I don't go for the novocain  
'cause I don't like the pain  
And I don't fall for the Jesus freaks when they seem like they want to win

Chorus

Bridge:

I'm not looking for an answer anymore  
I'm not looking for a visionary  
Help me mother Mary  
I've done my time  
I'm closer everyday to a life of crime

The God above us and everywhere he watches all the people die  
Killing them as others waste their time in asking why  
But, time is all we're given and the happiness we seek  
It may be the peace within the meek or maybe the statement of the freak and

Chorus (repeat)