

Testify

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As we approach fair weather
As we entertain our maiden endeavor
'Round us still the chorus beats
The schools, the streets
There's always danger there

For men will divest
Only to a certain point
For each divines their own experience
And to our own
We must attest

They say authority's essential
They are insincere
They say discipline is fundamental
You will perservere
And when you've lost your fear
Then that's when you must

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Clouds are comin' closer, but a-don't you cry
Because you ain't got time
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As you pack the tools of past illusions
You have lost your nerve
Set them near you, lest they cause confusion
Keep some in reserve
To get what you deserve
You're gonna have to

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Mama, you got me my corduroy jeans
"Do your own laundry if you want them clean"
Mama, the workload they're puttin' me through
"Like I don't know"

Mama, you got me history books
"Yeah, and I thought me I'd take me a look"

But doesn't matter what you do or say
Because it ain't my history anyway

Feast or famine, you're cryin' at the disco
You have lost your way
The peace they were plannin' died in San Francisco
Floating on the bay
Just close your eyes and pray
Then stand up straight and

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