

# I Was Educated By Myself

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I can't buy the lie and it don't matter  
Even though I try to keep my health  
It all seems the same, such a silly game  
Played by silly fools who don't even follow their own rules

But oh, when the sunshine follows me around  
Lifts my feet and takes me from the ground  
High enough to see the shelf  
And know that I was educated by myself

I have seen the streets groaning, not battered  
Though amongst us all, we kept our wealth  
And though the rain goes pitter-patter,  
It don't change the pain that we all felt

But oh, when the sunshine follows us around  
Lifts our feet and takes us from the ground,  
High enough for us to tell  
That we were educated by ourselves

It's a simple dream, a common pattern  
A universal scheme for us to sell  
And though it's a long, long way between Mars and Saturn,  
But right here on Earth, we know so well  
That all we need is sunshine on the ground  
And smiles and smiles and smiles from frown to frown  
Just enough for us to yell  
That we were educated by ourselves