When I was a young man, I had to kick and scratch and claw Now it's like top gun in the Old West, everybody wants me to draw

If I had known it would be like this I might have given it a se cond thought

But if someone had told me to give it up, it's a line that I wo uldn't have bought

Look at me
I'm the great white hope
Can't you see
I'm up against the ropes
Don't you know
It's so hard to cope
When you feel
Like the great white hope

Now you've paid your money you're sitting in your ringside seat And I know that some of you out there, might wanna see the cham p get beat

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But real life sure isn't like school, there's some lessons that just can't be taught

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