

# Under The Influence

Cliff Richard

Somebody told me "don't brainwash the child"  
I've got to admit that I stole a quick smile  
Because no one's in a vacuum, no one is free  
We've gotta teach them something, show them some way to be

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Ayatollah Khomeini and I atold you that  
But if you follow heroes they're gonna leave you flat  
Analyse their motives, be careful what they say  
Even Mohammed Ali has only feet of clay

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You can choose who leads you forward  
Choose who leads you back  
You can choose to follow feelings  
Choose to follow fact  
You can choose the open highway  
Or choose the narrow track  
You can sing "I did it my way"  
You can say "I'm all right Jack"

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Karl Marx and Harpo were singing in the dark  
Freud tried to harmonize, he was wide of the mark  
Voices swelled the chorus, said we're here by chance  
A twentieth-century symphony, a nightmare of a dance

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Yes we're under the influence of somebody all of the time