

Respect

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We've got to find the way back home
Too many years we've wondered and roam
We've lost our sensitivity
To those things we held honor and pled

Those with no hope
We must bring them to the table
To let them know who they are
Many gave up their lights in the struggle
That we could show them on top of their scars

We've got to reach the most
With but one at a time
We've got to let them know that we care
And when they fall
Need a helping hand to pick them up
And teach them how to love themselves

Respect, respect
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Respect yourself

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So many answers they can't find
We act as though it is a crime
Reaching the border outside your mind
And with the children, spend some time

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We've got to let them know that we care (know that we care)
And when they fall
Need a helping hand to pick them up (to pick them up)
And teach them how to love themselves (oh)

Respect (respect) respect (oh)
Respect, respect
Respect, respect
Respect yourself (oh)

So many babies, they think their lives, don't matter
They say it don't matter
Oh, it seems success is so high up the ladder
Listen, you (you) can reach them (can reach them)
For you, we will find help (we'll find help)
Ooh, first of all (first of all), oh, first of all
You gotta respect yourself, you (you, oh)

Respect, respect (that's all you gotta do)
Respect (my brother) respect (I'm asking you)

Respect (respect) repect (you've got to do it)
Respect (every day) respect

You must show it to us, respect
(That's everyone else) that's everyone else
(We've gotta do the same) we've gotta do
(You must respect yourself) yourself
(And everyone else) everyone else
(In order to receiver respect) respect

Show it every day (respect)
In every way (respect)
Are you gonna do it? (Respect)
Through, through, through oh (respect)
Are you gonna do (you must respect) (respect)
Ayy (oh) respect yourself

Now you're ooh-ooh-ooh
You know you gonna do it
Respect yourself
Re-re, respect yourself