

Straighten Up and Fly Right

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A buzzard took monkey for a ride in the air
The monkey thought that everything was on the square
The buzzard tried to throw the monkey off his back
But the monkey grabbed his neck and said-- Now listen, Jack

Straighten up and fly right
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Cool down, papa, don't you blow your top.
Ain't no use in divin'
What's the use in jivin'
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The buzzard told the monkey "You're chokin' me
Release your hold and I'll set you free
The monkey looked the buzzard right dead in the eye and said
Your story's so touching but it sounds just like a lie

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(instrumental interlude)

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