

# Spit Before You Swallow

Peter Allen

Everybody's preaching how to bring this world together  
Everybody's pushing love to make it last forever  
Everybody's got the way to make things right  
But in their mind you'll find they're blind  
To any kind of sign that they're uptight

You've got to learn to spit before you swallow  
You've got to learn to give before you borrow  
And before you can lead you've got to follow  
So before I die as someone else  
I'm gonna take good care of myself

I can't help but feel I'm under investigation  
By the local branch of the women's and the gay boys liberation  
Living makes you crazy if your head is not on straight  
Don't no one say to stay and pray  
Is the way I may delay my day of fate, no

You've got to learn to spit before you swallow  
You've got to learn to give before you borrow  
And before you can lead you've got to follow  
So before I die as someone else  
I'm gonna take good care of myself

If I seem to be just a bundle of confusion  
I could use a transplant or at least a mind transfusion  
Nothing makes much sense, the words keep hanging in my ear  
I started out to shout what I'm about  
But now I doubt I'm even here

You got to learn to spit before you swallow  
You got to learn give before you borrow  
And before you can lead you've got to follow  
So before I die as someone else  
I'm going to take good care of myself

Take good care of myself  
Take good care of myself