

# Use What Mama Gave You

Squirrel Nut Zippers

I've been pushed around  
Beaten down  
Manhandled and abused  
Seems like every time I turn around

A friend is gone  
Another chance blown  
Oh, I get so confused  
Someone's giving me the runaround

I pick myself up  
I'm not gonna let them spoil my hand  
No, I'm gonna follow the lead  
Of the old queens of Bourbon Street

They used to tell me:  
Cella, honey...

You've got to use what mama gave you  
Just like Gypsy Rose Lee  
Shake what mama gave you  
Take this advice from me

We're gonna kick down the chairs  
And knock out the lights  
Raise the roof  
And hit your dance tonight

Use what mama gave you  
Just like Gypsy Rose Lee  
Shake what mama gave you  
Take this advice from me

Well, use a little bit of these  
And a whole lot of that  
Show everybody  
Where you've a real career, oh honey

Use what mama gave you  
Just like Gypsy Rose Lee  
Shake what mama gave you  
Take this advice from me

Well, I made a million dollars  
And every dime I've spent  
Well honey, I was on the red carpet  
When paparazzi were invented

Use what mama gave you  
Oh yeah, use what mama gave you  
I said, use what mama gave you  
Just like Gypsy Rose Lee!

Oh yeah...  
But don't be so mean  
That's it baby, whoo!  
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