I've had a little time to reason
I've had a little time to grow
There's people in the world I'm pleasin'
There's people in the world who don't wanna know

But the future's gonna be much better
I can tell you that I've paid my dues
Now you tell me where, where did you get your blues

Won't you talk to me about your problems
Tell me all about your ways
Sometimes I feel like a helpless child
Won't you help me through these rock bottom days

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I can tell you that I've paid my dues
Now you tell me where, where did you get your blues
When you're on the street you ain't nobody's fool - no you ain't

I'm looking for a good example
I'm looking for a piece of the game
I didn't know that I was a gambling man
When you're on the ground it all looks the same

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Don't decide that you've lost everything (3x)
Don't you decide that you have lost everything
Won't you help me
Please help me now
Help me help myself, I can't help myself (4x)

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