

# Play It Safe

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You've got to keep it simple  
Life is like a song  
There are tunes that folk are used to  
So if you want 'em to sing along  
Just keep it simple

Ought to play it safe  
Life is just a game  
People like the rules as written  
So just give 'em more of the same

No one likes a smart-arse  
(No one likes a smart-arse)  
No one likes it complicated  
If you want to go the distance  
Find the path of least resistance  
And just take it

You don't want to stick your neck out  
(You don't want to stick your neck out)  
They'll take your head off if you do  
(They're gonna rip your head off)  
Just sit up the back and judge others  
(Hey, sit down!)  
It'll keep them from judging you

If you're too [?] to [?] you'll never amount to nothing  
Ain't that something?  
No one cares what you have to say  
Just shut up and play the role you're cast in  
(You've got to play the role you're cast in)

You see, all the world's a stage  
So just say the lines you're given  
Exactly as they're written  
And for God's sake  
Act your age

No one likes a show-off (No one likes a show-off)  
No one likes a clown  
Just make sure you don't stand out in the crowd  
That way they can't cut you down  
You gotta build your walls around you (Build your walls)  
You build them straight and make 'em square  
(Build them straight and square)  
That way you'll blend in with the background  
That way no one will point and stare  
(No one will point and stare)

You gotta stick to your convictions (Stick to your convictions!)  
You gotta nail down your muse (Nail 'em down)  
You wanna steer clear of the discomfort you feel  
When you walk in another person's shoes

You gotta work out who your team is  
Then wear the badge with pride  
Find a box that makes you comfortable

And then stay the heck inside

On the first day the Lord gave you television  
(Lord gave you television)  
On the next he delivered a couch  
(He delivered a couch)  
Tell me how do you explain all this content  
If the universe wanted you out and about

Toe the line on your suit  
Hide your truth  
Wipe your tears  
Don't cause trouble  
Find your bubble  
Stick to black-and-white ideas  
Play it safe  
Know your place  
Know your lines  
Know your limits  
Find a doctrine  
Get it locked in  
Build a box and stay in it

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Play it safe  
Keep it [?]  
Keep it simple and sameish  
Leave the weird ideas to the Danish (Oh, [?] Danish)

You gotta play it safe  
Your mind is like a house  
If you keep it locked up tight  
You just might keep the world out