

## Fair Warning

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You know, wishing won't make it so  
Hoping won't do it, praying won't do it  
Religion won't do it, philosophy won't do it  
The supreme court won't do it,  
The president and the congress won't do it  
The un won't do it, the h-bomb won't do it,  
The sun and the moon won't do it  
And God won't do it,  
And I certainly won't do it  
That leaves you, you'll have to do it

I know that you've been wondering  
If I'm the same man inside  
Never tried to fool you  
'cause I've got nothing to hide  
I gave you fair warning I could never be tied down  
'til I've seen paradise with my very own eyes  
Love owns us all, time owns us all, life owns us all  
But the world doesn't own me  
Dontcha follow me now  
I ain't afraid to say I may have been wrong  
I have to go now  
I'd rather live by a dream than live by a lie  
And that's why  
There ain't no cure for what I've got baby  
We just have to suffer  
I feel no pain, I can't complain,  
Things could always be rougher  
But I picked up this banner  
And I just can't put it down (no)  
I can't let the world die just 'cause no one would try  
Dontcha follow me now

Everybody's got to find his own place in the sun,  
Everyone  
So shine on me now  
I'd rather live by a dream than live by a lie  
You can say what you will about me  
Talk is cheap and I don't mind  
When you lay your life down in them grooves  
You know you're bound to get scratched up sometime  
It's only just a song, pay me no mind  
I have to go now  
You've got to walk that road alone  
If you walk it at all  
Don't follow me now  
I gave you all fair warning  
Now it's goodbye  
And every once in a while why don't you think of me  
'cause it's a long, long time and a long way to go  
Can't you see the light shining in my eyes  
'cause it's just one victory  
'cause your dream goes on forever  
Don't you know that I've been trying  
To get my trip together  
Be a real man  
I got to be a real man

1, 2, 3, do it one more time  
Be a real man  
Everybody be a real man  
Go then, don't believe, and I don't know  
'cause I got to be a real man  
You can be a man, a real man  
I'll swim that river, climb that mountain  
You and me, we all gotta be, real men