

James Brown

"Don't Be A Drop-Out"

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Now a good friend of mine
Sat with me and he cried
He told me a story
I know he ain't lying
Said he went for a job
And Mr. Man said
Without an education
You might as well be dead
Now don't get me wrong
Said, it's not who you are
But people come to me
From near and far
But I do just what
And I follow the rules
I didn't have an education
So I had to go back to school
Tell me one more time, people now
(What do you say)
Without an education
You might as well be dead
One more time (what do you say)

Without an education
You might as well be dead
My friends told all his buddies
That he loved so well
And of their personal troubles
I will not tell
Now those guys didn't seem
Good and they didn't seem bad
They didn't seem happy and
I know they weren't sad
But the point isn't
That they follow the rules
They got an education
And they been in school
Now underneath his tears
I could see the true fact
He dropped out of school
Never, never went back
Tell me one more time, people
(What do you say)
Without an education
You might as well be dead
Got to, got to, got to listen now
(What do you say)
Without an education

(Might as well be dead)

One day he got tired

Of his little spending change

So he looked up his friends

And checked their pay range

When he got there, the crib

He found that he was a drag

Cause, man, they were clean

And his clothes were like rags

One was a business man

With plenty of dough

He had his thing so set up

You know he couldn't blow

The other had his job so uptight

He had his whole family

And his kids all out of sight

Tell me one more time now

(What do you say)

Without an education

(Might as well be dead)

You got to, got to

Got to get a little learning

(What do you say)

Without an education

(Might as well be dead)

What made him so hurt

That these were his friends
And he was a drag
They looked at him and
He was in the same old bag
His friends worked real hard
When the work day was through
Now, he realized he should have
Done the same thing too
Tell me one more time now
Lookie here
(What do you say)
Without an education
(Might as well be dead)
You got to, got to, got to
Get a little learning now
(What do you say)
Without an education
(Might as well be dead)
For the last time, I'm gonna say
They kept on pushing
When the going was tough
And now they know that
Things don't seem so rough
Well, kids, stay in school
Don't be no drag

Let the fool advise you

And stay out of that bag

Look here, tell me, Bobby

Tell me one more time

(What do you say)

Without an education

(Might as well be dead)

Tell me, The Jewels

Tell me now one more time

(What do you say)

Without an education

(Might as well be dead)

Everybody, tell me one more time

(What do you say)

Without an education

(Might as well be dead)

You got to, got to, got to

Got to get some learning now

(What do you say)

Without an education

(Might as well be dead)

Don't be a drop-out

Stay in school

Now listen to me

(What do you say)

Kids, kids

(Might as well be dead)

No, no (what do you say)

Without an education

(Might as well be dead)

Stay in school

Have a good time

(What do you say)...

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