## Dar Williams "Teenagers, Kick Our Butts"

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When I grew up, well it felt great I watched how others took their fate Some felt afraid and undefended So they got mean

And they pretended what they knew
Made them belong more than you
I'm sure you know there's lots to learn
But that's not your fault, that's just your turn

Teenagers, kick our butts
Tell us what the future will bring
Teenagers, look at us
We have not solved everything

We drink and smoke to numb our pain
We read junk novels on the plane
We use authority for show
So we can be a little smarter

We still can grow, and many do It's when we stop we can't reach you We feel the loss, you feel the blame We're scared to lose, don't be the same

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The hometown brought it's hero in To speak at the high school gym He took a breath, he took a chance He strode up in his leather pants

And said, "Gee, thanks but I'm here today because I fought for what I felt and what I thought They put me down, they were just wrong And now it's they who don't belong"

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And when the media tries to act your age Don't be seduced, they're full of rage Find your voice, do what it takes Make sure you make lots of mistakes

And find the future that redeems Give us hell, give us dreams And grow and grow and grow

And someday when some teenagers
Come to kick your butts
Well then, like I do, try to
Love
Kick our butts
Love
Kick our butts
Oh, I love
Kick our butts
Kick our butts
Kick our

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