

## **Peter, Paul & Mary "Old Enough"**

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Excerpt from "talking union" words by lee hayes,  
millard lampell and pete seeger - inspired by woody  
guthrie's "talking dustbowl". "talking union" Â©1958 st  
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Lately I've been picking up strange vibrations  
I hear my music now on oldies stations  
"put out a cd called "the best of what I was"  
My picture's on the cover and no one knows

Just when you think you've got the wisdom of the ages  
Nobody seems to want to turn your pages  
I used to think I was the cat's pajamas  
Now I'm about as hip as fernando lamas

(cause I'm) old enough  
Old enough to be your father  
Old enough  
Old enough (and then some)

And now my kids are taking me to the shows  
There's hip-hop, rap, grunge music I don't know  
I like to think I'm still part of the crowd  
But, how can they hear the lyrics  
When the music is so loud? !

I dig rock and roll music  
(I been saying that for a while)  
But I wonder if you knew  
That rhythm & blues begat the rock and roll style?  
And just like that, way before rap,  
Woody guthrie spread the news  
He told it straight, let us relate  
This talking union blues:

Well if you want higher wages, let me tell you what to  
do  
You've got to talk to the workers in the shop with you  
You got to build you a union, got to make it strong  
But if you all stick together, boys, it won't be long  
You get shorter hours, better working conditions  
Vacations with pay, take the kids to the seashore

Well I remember I was seventeen  
I was a birmingham high school rock and roll king  
The paper talked about how I'd strut my stuff  
I'd like to read it, but my arms aren't long enough

I kinda like my new senior status  
I don't even care what the latest fad is  
My g-generation's rediscovered me  
And now I'm on the cover of modern maturity

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