

## **Sammy Davis Jr. "Don't Blame The Children"**

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(Don't blame it on the children)

You know we read in the papers  
And we hear on the air  
Of killing and stealing  
And crime everywhere

And we sigh and we say  
As we notice the trend  
This young generation  
Where will it end

But can we be sure  
That it's their fault alone  
I mean, that maybe a  
Part of it isn't our own

Are we less guilty  
Who place in their way  
Too many things  
That lead them astray

Like too much money to spend  
And too much idle time  
Too many movies  
The kind of passion and crime

Too many books, man  
That are not even fit to be read  
Too much evil in what they hear said

And too many children  
Encouraged to roam  
By too many parents  
Who won't even stay at home

(Don't blame it on the children)

Well, man, kids don't make the movies  
And they don't write the books  
And they don't go out  
And paint gay pictures

Of gangsters and crooks

They don't make the liquor  
And they don't run the bars  
And they don't make the laws  
And they don't buy the cars

They don't peddle junk that  
Well, that addles the brain  
That's all done by older folks, man  
Greedy for gain

Delinquent teenagers, oh, man  
How quick we do condemn  
The sins of a nation  
And then go and blame it on them

But the laws that are blameless  
The Savior makes known  
Now you tell me who is there  
Among us to cast the first stone

For in so many cases  
It's sad but it's true  
That the title Delinquent  
Fits older folks too

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