

## Van Dyke Parks

### "Be Careful"

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At the age of nine my father said to me  
Son you're growing fine I'm very proud to see  
Soon a man you'll be with all the zest for life  
But your greatest test will be to choose a wife

Be careful son be careful  
All that glitters isn't gold  
Be careful son be careful  
Movin round toward the young and the old  
You must watch them twice  
That is my advice  
You'll find they're nice from far but far from nice

Marriage is not a sport, it is no game to play  
Once they have you caught, it's hard to get away  
Behind every great man there's a woman, that's true  
But she has a hand in every downfall too  
Every lady is a woman though nature's act  
But every woman is not a lady and that is a fact  
To comprehend the difference it will take a lot  
For they both pretend to be what they are not

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