

## **The Staple Singers**

### **"Respect Yourself"**

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If you disrespect anybody  
That you run in to  
How in the world do you think  
Anybody's s'posed to respect you

If you don't give a heck 'bout the man  
With the Bible in his hand  
Just get out the way  
And let the gentleman do his thing

You the kind of gentleman  
That want everything your way  
Take the sheet off your face, boy  
It's a brand new day

Respect yourself, respect yourself  
If you don't respect yourself  
Ain't nobody gonna give a good cahoot, na na na na  
Respect yourself, respect yourself

If you're walking 'round  
Think'n that the world  
Owes you something  
'Cause you're here

You goin' out  
The world backwards  
Like you did  
When you first come here

Keep talkin' 'bout the president  
Won't stop evolution  
Put your hand on your mouth  
When you cough, that'll help the solution

Oh, you cuss around women  
And you don't even know their names  
And you dumb enough to think  
That'll make you a big ol man

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If you don't respect yourself

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