

Mama told me when I was young  
Come sit beside me, my only son  
And listen closely to what I say  
And if you do this it'll help you some sunny day

[Bridge]

Oh, take your time, don't live too fast  
Troubles will come and they will pass  
You'll find a woman and you'll find love  
And don't forget, son, there is someone up above

And be a simple kind of man  
Be something you love and understand  
Baby, be a simple kind of man  
Oh, won't you do this for me, son, if you can

Forget your lust for the rich man's gold  
All that you need is in your soul  
And you can do this, oh baby, if you try  
All that I want for you, my son, is to be satisfied

And be a simple kind of man  
Oh, be something you love and understand  
Baby, be a simple kind of man  
Oh, won't you do this for me, son, if you can

[Solo] Oh, yes, I will

Boy, don't you worry, you'll find yourself  
Follow your heart and nothing else  
And you can do this, oh baby, if you try  
All that I want for you, my son, is to be satisfied

And be a simple kind of man  
Oh, be something you love and understand  
Baby, be a simple kind of man  
Oh, won't you do this for me, son, if you can?

Baby, be a simple, be a simple man  
Oh, be something you love and understand  
Baby, be a simple kind of simple man  
Oh, won't you do this for me, son, if you can?