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"

Oh, yeah

Oh, take your time, don't live too fast

Troubles will come and they will pass

You'll find a woman, yeah, and you'll find love

And don't forget son there is someone up above

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?

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?

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 man