

# Chicago, Skinny Boy

(Robert Lamm)

Ow  
Yeah, yeah  
When I was a young skinny boy  
My momma said to me  
The world out there is hot and dirty  
Mean as it wants to be  
I know there's gonna be times when you're down and out  
So listen now kid  
Listen now son  
I'll tell you what it's all about  
You gotta try to keep your head above the water  
That's what my momma told me  
You gotta try to keep a step ahead of time  
And even though you do some things you shouldn't ought to  
Shouldn't ought to  
If you love your brothers love will come back to you  
Love'll come back to you  
Love'll come back to you  
Love'll come back to you  
Live my life in so many ways  
To find out who I am  
Time's approaching  
I really can say  
Truly I understand  
Got more livin' to do for myself  
So run along now  
Play along later  
Stay up by the shelf  
Sing it girls  
Gotta try to keep your head above the water  
Yes you do yes I do  
You gotta try to keep a step ahead of time  
Even though you do some things you shouldn't ought to  
If you love your sisters love will come back to you  
Love'll come back to you  
Love'll come back to you  
All the world is turnin' to stone  
Slowly it will die  
But that is something I never will see  
I don't know why  
Tryin' to take the world the best I can  
Might be now  
Probably be later  
Stand up like a man  
hey, hey  
Gotta try to keep your head above the water  
Yes you do yes you do yes you do  
Gotta try to keep a step ahead of time  
Even though you do some things you shouldn't ought to  
Love your brothers and sisters, love'll come back to you  
Love'll come back to you  
Love'll come back to you