

"What it means to be a Man!"

*What it means to be a man
Now listen up all my brothers and try to understand,
Man doesn't mean the kind of clothes you wear,
And it sure doesn't mean how loud you swear,
Man doesn't mean the money you possess,
Nor does it mean the number of women you profess
Man doesn't mean you slap your lady around,
It doesn't mean how many brothers you beat to the ground.
Man doesn't mean you are too tough to cry
And being tough doesn't mean that you can not die.
Man doesn't mean you can "Hold your own,
Doesn't mean being beeped on your cellular phone.
Man doesn't mean you go out and sell crack,
It doesn't make you a man to have to watch your back,
Man doesn't mean that you flunk out of school
And that you brag on the past like a forty year old fool.
Now what man is, is a very strong mind,
Not a tough disposition, you can still be kind.
What man is, is taking care of home,
Being there for your children even after they're grown.
What man means is having high self esteem,
To be able to look at yourself and know your conscience is clean.
What man is, is God's spirit inside,
That helps you stand straight up with that air of pride.
Now if you think you're a man give yourself this test,
Then you tell me if you're trying your best.*

*#1. Do you respect your elders and understand their worth,
Know that their blood, sweat and tears help to build this earth,*

*# 2. Do you know that people died so you can enter the schools
That you choose not to study because you think it's not cool?*

*#3. Are you proud of yourself, do you have dignity,
Or do you swim in self-pity and promote mind poverty?*

*# 4. Do you stand for what you believe, do you believe for which you stand,
Ask yourself this question, when a boy looks up at you, do you think he sees a man?*

*If any answers to these questions just happen to be no,
Then you'd better redefine what man is boy,
Because you have a long way to go!*

