Savoy, If You Tell

If you tell your momma
She will look away
If you tell your daddy
He won't listen when you say
How could it come to this
But now, this is
The way it is

If you tell your brother Boy will he get mad If you tell your sister The one you never had How could it go this far But now, this is The way things are

If you tell your teacher You'Il be mad aware If you tell your preacher You haven't got a prayer If you tell your momma Laying it on the line Tell it to your daddy Life has been unkind