

# Joe Walsh, Mother Says

Mother says be careful  
And don't stay out too long  
Don't do things you shouldn't  
Miss me when I'm gone

Daddy says not now, son  
Well, just do the best you can  
And you'll make out somehow, son  
Be just like I am, just like I am

You won't need a reason  
She don't let you choose  
And so to make the game easy  
Mother makes the rules

We all know how the rules are  
Changin' from day to day  
That's the breaks, and I'm sorry  
Some of us must be going  
Some of us have to stay  
Some of us may be showing  
Some just fade away

It's sad to say it's the ending  
All the feelin's gone  
If you don't mind pretending  
You can come along

And mother says she's ready  
And if you have the time  
She'll help us all to get steady  
Make us all feel better, make us all feel fine  
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