

# Ray Charles, Understanding

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Between a boy and a girl  
Boy and girl and even a woman or a man,  
It's always better when you really understand

You know understanding is a mighty powerful thing,  
That's why it makes me so sad  
When I see my friends wandering around thru the world,  
Never knowing the meaning of the word  
Understanding, so in the next few minutes, I'm gonna  
Try to explain just exactly what it means  
Now wait a minute, listen, for instance, you take me  
And my old lady, we gotta good thing goin'  
Because I know if I don't work and pay the rent and the  
Bills and buy her fine pretty clothes to wear well,  
There are fifteen other guys just waitin' round the  
Corner, and I don't care how much that woman loves me,  
She's gonna go out and find herself one of them who  
Will and that's why I believe that

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Now listen I don't want you to think that this is a  
One sided affair, no no  
Because my old lady also understands that a man must  
Have respect  
What I mean is, if she must play around don't let me  
Catch her, because what I don't see can't hurt me, you  
Understand? but on the other hand, if I should ever  
Catch her I'm not gonna talk about-a  
And call her a bunch of bad names like you all might  
No no mh  
What I'm gonna do, I'm gonna go down-town to the  
Hardware store and buy myself a double blade axe,  
Come back, square off, and believe her soul's gonna  
Belong to the good lord  
Because her head's gonna belong to me, and I  
Guarantee she'll know what I mean when I'll say

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