

# We Are the People Our Parents Warned Us About

Jimmy Buffett

I was supposed to have been a Jesuit priest or a Naval Academy grad  
That was the way that my parents perceived me  
Those were the plans that they had  
But I couldn't fit the part too dumb or too smart  
Ain't it funny how we all turned out  
I guess we are the people our parents warned us about You know I coulda worked the rigs when  
the money was big  
Or hopped a freighter south to Trinidad  
And when they tried to draft me I earned a college degree  
Buyin' time 'til things were not so bad  
But then I got a guitar found a job in a bar  
Playin' acid rock 'til I was numb  
Tell me where are the flashbacks they all warned us would come

Chorus:

We are the people, they couldn't figure out  
We are the people our parents warned us about Hey hey, Gardner McKay  
Take us on the Leaky Tiki with you  
Clear skies bound for Shanghai  
Sailing cross the ocean blue (do do do dooo)  
So blue (do do do dooo OOOH)  
(do do do dooo)  
(do do do dooo OOOH) Now I got quarters in my loafers tryin' to fight inflation  
When it only used to take a cent  
Sometimes I wish I was back in my crashpad days  
'Fore I knew what cash flow meant Seems everybody's joggin' or heavy into health shit  
Don't tell me that I ought to get rolfed  
'Cause I love cajun martinis and playin' afternoon golf

Chorus:

We are the people there isn't any doubt  
We are the people they still can't figure out  
We are the people who love to sing "Twist and Shout"  
SHAKE IT UP BABY We are the people our parents warned us about (do do do dooo)  
Id'n' any doubt (do do do dooo OOOH)  
Hey hey hey (do do do dooo)  
Gardner McKay (do do do dooo, Gardner McKay)  
(do do do dooo)  
I wanna sail away today (do do do dooo OOOH)  
Isn't any doubt (do do do dooo)  
They warned us about (do do do dooo OOOH)  
Hey hey hey (do do do dooo)

C'mon now Gardner McKay (do do do dooo OOOH)  
I wanna sail away today

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