

Don't Beat Me Down-crd

(Em) (Em7) (A) (C) (Em) (Em7) (A) (C)

When he was a (Em) man, my (Em7) father would (A) stand
 I (C) never saw him (Em) run
 There wasn't (Em7) anyone could (A) make the man (C) bend
 And the (Em) strength of his (D) will was the (C) tool of his (A) trade
 And (Em) he did his work well
 Til the powers that (Em7) be took a (A) liking to (C) him
 And they (Em) traded his (D) body for a (C) cold empty (A) shell

Don't beat me (Em) down, (Em7) (A) (C) (Em) (Em7) (A) (C)
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 I've got (Em) something to (Em7) say, don't you (A) stand in my (C) way
 And don't beat me (Em) down (Em7) (A) (C) (Em) (Em7) (A) (C)

When I was a youth, I found the truth in the eyes of a friend
 There wasn't anyone could make the light dim
 And we talked and we rambled and we gambled to win
 And the learning was good, til the powers that be to a liking to him
 And they traded their fortunes for the sight of his blood

When I was a child my mother smiled at the cradle she bought
 For the little tot she held to her breast
 And the song that she sang was an anthem to love
 It was all that I heard, til the powers that be took a liking to me
 And they told me that love was a four-letter word

Don't beat me down, don't beat me down
 I've got one life to live and that's all I can give, so don't beat me down

Now I've got a place, got a worried face and the question in mind
 Please let me find a reason somehow
 While some reap the harvest while other men die
 And the joker runs wild and if powers that be take a liking to us
 Then we all must return to the ways of a child
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So don't beat me down, don't beat me down
 I've got something to say, don't you stand in my way and don't beat me down
 I've got one life to live and that's all I can give
 So don't beat me down, don't beat me down, don't beat me down