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Got to make it work
Got to bring home the money
Provide for your wife
Got to build a life
Got to have a legacy
Man

Got to fight for rights
Got to give up your life
Conquer a new land
Got to hold a gun
Got to take a life and run
Man

Got to keep your bitch in line
Got to raise a hand
Keep fear in her eyes
Got to make her listen
Got to make her understand
Man

Got to be in charge
Got to be tall dark and handsome
Drive a fast car
Got to put your life on the line
Got to live on the edge
Man

Maybe somewhere you can be a new man
Be a real man
Be all that you’ve dreamed about
Always so close
But never enough
Since you were born
You’ve been trying to live up to this idea

Of what it means to be
A man