

# CAREER ADVICE

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**VERSE 1:** oh mama,

**F** **C**

mama, what should I be? When I

**G** **C**

grow up, I'm gonna need a career. Oh mama

**F** **C**

mama, what can I become? When I'm all

**G** **C**

grown up, to have a place in the sun. Oh baby,

**VERSE 2:**

**F** **C**

baby, what do you like to do? What makes you

**G** **C**

happy, makes you wanna boogaloo? What's never

**F** **C**

boring, and makes you tingle inside? You can tell your

**G** **C** //

mama, you know I'm on your side. //

**BRIDGE:** I don't

**C5** **G5**

like being told what to do. I like to tell other people what they have to do. I

**F5** **C5**

like it when they do what I say, just the way I told them to. I like to

**C5** **G5**

judge if they did it right, I like to score who did it better than somebody else. I like to

**F5** **C5**

tell'em what they did was wrong, and punish them for their mistakes. I wanna be a-

**CHORUS:**

**F5** **C5** |

bove somebodies. I wanna talk down to somebodies. I want people have to

**G5** **C5**

listen to me, and whatever I say, they gotta do. Like the

**Ab7** **C5**

people up top, always talking down to me. I wanna

**G5** **C5**

be somebody, the one who's talking down to you. Oh baby

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## VERSE 3:

**F** **C**  
baby, there's so much you can do. You can be a  
**G** **C**  
priest, or a teacher, or a military officer, a prison guard, a judge or a tax collector. An ex-  
**F** **C**  
ecutive, or a prosecutor, or the President, or a senator. You can be a  
**G** **C** **//**  
building inspector for the Town, or a clerk at the DMV. **//** Yeah I wanna be a-

## CHORUS:

**F5** **C5** |  
bove somebodies. I wanna talk down to somebodies. I want people have to  
**G5** **C5**  
listen to me, and whatever I say, they gotta do. Like the  
**Ab7** **C5**  
people up top, always talking down to me. I wanna  
**G5** **C5**  
be somebody, the one who's talking down to you.

## INTERLUDE:

**C** **Cm** **G7**  
I know - You could be an enforcement officer for a government agency: like the  
**Cm Bb7 Ab7 G Fm Eb7 Ab7 G7**  
F B I, or the D E C, the Border Patrol or the P S C. The  
**Cm Bb7 Ab7 G Fm Eb7 Ab7 G7**  
A T F or the Fish and Game, the Department of Labor or the E P A, the N-  
**Cm Bb7 Ab7 G Fm Eb7 Ab7 G7**  
T S B, the F E R C, the District Attorney or the S E C. The  
**Cm Bb7 Ab7 G Fm Eb7 Ab7 G7**  
village, town, city or Transit police, the Health Department or the I C E. The sheriff's  
**Cm Bb7 Ab7 G Fm Eb7 Ab7 G7**  
office is good, the state troopers are hard, there's the Secret Service or the National Guard. The  
**Cm Bb7 Ab7 G Fm G7 Cm //**  
Office of Parole or the U S Marshal, and my list is only partial. **//** I wanna be a-

## CHORUS:

**F5** **C5** |  
bove somebodies. I wanna talk down to somebodies. I want people have to  
**G5** **C5**  
listen to me, and whatever I say, they gotta do. Like the  
**Ab7** **C5**  
people up top, always talking down to me. I wanna  
**G5** **C5**  
be somebody, the one who's talking down to you.

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## VERSE 4:

**F** **C**  
Or best of all, and most powerful, you can be a mother. You can be a mother. If your  
**G** **C**  
kids don't do what you want, you can make'em feel guilty and ashamed. They shouldn't  
**F** **C**  
argue with you, because you are the forever-sacrificing fountain of love and approval who  
**G** **C**  
works her hands to the bone for her kids and only wants what's best for them ....

## [INSTRUMENTAL on VERSE]

## VERSE 5: oh mama

**F** **C**  
mama, how can I thank you? You're the  
**G** **C**  
absolute best mom ever. I'm gonna stay with you forever. Can't wait to tell  
**F** **C**  
everyone, just what they gotta do. I think I'm gonna  
**G** **C** //  
be a teacher, and be a mama too. // Because I wanna be a-

## CHORUS:

**F5** **C5** |  
bove somebodies. I wanna talk down to somebodies. I want people have to  
**G5** **C5**  
listen to me, and whatever I say, they gotta do. Like the  
**Ab7** **C5**  
people up top, always talking down to me. I wanna  
**G5** **F5**  
be somebody, the one who's talking down to you (and you and you and you). I wanna  
**G5** **C5**  
be somebody, the one who's talking down to you.