

## AC-CENT-TCHU-ATE THE POSITIVE (Mister In-Between)

(Johnny Mercer / Harold Arlen)

You've got to accentuate the positive  
Eliminate the negative  
Latch on to the affirmative  
Don't mess with Mister In-Between

You've got to spread joy up to the maximum  
Bring gloom down to the minimum  
Have faith or pandemonium  
Liable to walk upon the scene

(To illustrate his last remark  
Jonah in the whale, Noah in the ark  
What did they do  
Just when everything looked so dark)

Man, they said we better  
Accentuate the positive  
Eliminate the negative  
Latch on to the affirmative  
Don't mess with Mister In-Between  
No, do not mess with Mister In-Between  
Do you hear me, hmm?

(Oh, listen to me children and-a you will hear  
About the elininatin' of the negative  
And the accent on the positive)  
And gather 'round me children if you're willin'  
And sit tight while I start reviewin'  
The attitude of doin' right

(You've gotta accentuate the positive  
Eliminate the negative  
Latch on to the affirmative  
Don't mess with Mister In-Between)

You've got to spread joy (up to the maximum)  
Bring gloom (down) down to the minimum  
Otherwise (otherwise) pandemonium  
Liable to walk upon the scene

To illustrate (well illustrate) my last remark (you got the floor)  
Jonah in the whale, Noah in the ark  
What did they say (what did they say)  
Say when everything looked so dark

Man, they said we better  
Accentuate the positive  
Eliminate the negative  
Latch on to the affirmative  
Don't mess with Mister In-Between