You’ve Got to be Carefully Taught

You’ve got to be taught
  To hate and fear,
You’ve got to be taught
  From year to year,
It’s got to be drummed
  In your dear little ear
You’ve got to be carefully taught.

You’ve got to be taught to be afraid
  Of people whose eyes are oddly made,
And people whose skin is a different shade,
    You’ve got to be carefully taught.

You’ve got to be taught before it’s too late,
  Before you are six or seven or eight,
To hate all the people your relatives hate,
    You’ve got to be carefully taught!