

# I Want to Be Straight

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Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

(spoken)  
I'm Charley, you know  
I'm Norman pleased to meet you  
I'm Mickey, hello  
Wilko  
I'm Johnny, how are you doing? All reet? Champion  
My name is David  
And I'm Ian and guess what? Oi! I wanna be straight, I wanna be straight  
I'm sick and tired of taking drugs and staying up late  
I wanna confirm, I wanna conform  
I wanna be safe and I wanna be snug and I wanna be warm I want to be straight, I want to be straight  
I wanna create a place of my own in the welfare state  
Brr, gonna be good, brr, gonna be kind  
It might be a wrench but think of the stench I'm leaving behind I wanna be straight, I wanna be straight  
Come out of the cold and do what I'm told and don't deviate  
I wanna give, I wanna give, I wanna give my consent  
I'm learning to hate all the things that were great when I used to be bent! Could be that straightness  
Dum dum dilley  
Might lead to greatness  
Dur yuh dum der  
Owing to lateness  
My chance has only just arrived, haOw! Straight, straight, straight, straight  
Straight, straight, straight, straight  
Straight, straight, straight, straight, straight I wanna be straight, I wanna be straight  
I'm sick and tired of taking drugs and staying up late  
I know that you're right, I know I was wrong  
So thanks very much, please keep in touch, I'll be running along I wanna be straight  
I wanna be straight  
I wanna be straight  
I wanna be straight (straight, straight)  
I wanna be straight (straight, that would be great)  
(repeat)

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