

You've Got to Stand for Somethin'

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I've seen the Rolling Stones, forgot about Johnny Rotten
Saw the Who back in '69
Saw Bobby Seal talkin' to the Panthers
Sayin' just what he had on his mind
Saw Marlon Brando on a motorcycle
He was actin' out rebellion
I saw Rocky Stallone in a X-rated movie
Called the "Italian Stallion"
I've seen lots of things
But I have not seen a lot of other things but I know
You've got to stand for something
Or you're gonna fall for anything
You've gotta stand right up for somethin'
Or you're gonna fall for anything
Saw Nikita Krushchev kissin' Fidel Castro
Saw a man walkin' on the moon
I saw Miss America in a girly magazine
I bet you saw that too
I've seen the London Bridge in the middle of a desert
Seen 33 years go by
I know the American people paid a high price for justice
And I don't know why, nobody seems to know why
I know a lot of things
But I don't know a lot of other things, yeah yeah yeah
You've got to stand for something
Or you're gonna fall for anything
You've gotta stand right up for somethin'
Or you're gonna fall for anything, yeah yeah yeah
Well, I've been to Harlem county and I've seen Paris, Texas
And I've spent some time in Rome
I know a lot of funny people in a lot of funny places
But the Midwest is my home
We've got to start respectin' this world
Or it's gonna turn around and bite off our face
You've got to stand for something
Or you're gonna fall for anything
You've gotta stand right up for somethin'
Or you're gonna fall for anything
Yeah yeah, you've got to stand for something
Or you're gonna fall for anything
Or you're gonna fall for anything
Yeah, you've gotta stand right up for somethin'
Or you're gonna fall for anything, yeah yeah
You've got to stand for something
You've gotta stand right up for somethin', yeah yeah yeah

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