

What You Want Wid Bess?

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BESS

Oh... What you want wid Bess?

She's gettin' ole now;

Take a fine young gal

For to satisfy Crown.

Look at this chest

An' look at these arms you got.

You know how it always been with me,

These five years I been yo' woman,

You could kick me in the street,

Then when you wanted me back,

You could whistle, an' there I was

Back again, lickin' yo' hand.

There's plenty better lookin' gal than Bess.

Can' you see, I'm with Porgy,

Now and forever

I am his woman, he would die without me.

Oh, Crown, won't you let me go to my man, to my man.

He is a cripple an' needs my love, all my love.

What you want wid Bess? Oh, let me go to my man. . .CROWN

What I wants wid other woman,

I gots a woman, yes,

An' dat is you, yes, dat is you, yes,

I need you now an' you're mine jus' as long as I want you.

No cripple goin' take my woman from me.

You got a man tonight an' that is Crown, yes, Crown, yes

Crown.

You're my woman, Bess, I'm tellin' you, now I'm your man.(Pressing her very close)

BESS

What you want with Bess?

(Boat whistles)

Lemme go, Crown dat boat, it's goin' wi out me!CROWN

You ain't goin' nowhere!BESS

(Weakening)

Take yo' hands off me, I say, yo' hands, yo' hands, yo hands.

(Crown kisses her passionately)CROWN

I knows you' ain' change - wid you and me it always be the
same. Git in dat thicket.

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