

You Are What You Is

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Jay anderson (string bass)

Ed mann (percussion)

Chad wackerman (drums)

Ike willis (vocals)

Terry bozzio (vocals)

Dale bozzio (vocals)

Napoleon murphy brock (vocals)

Bob harris (vocals)

Johnny "guitar" watson (vocals)Ensemble: (displaying dummy #1)

Do you know what you are?Thing-fish:

Dat what I ast ya!Ensemble:

You are what you is you is what you amThing-fish:

And dat de trufe!Ensemble:

(a cow don't make ham...)Thing-fish:

I meant dat now!Ensemble:

You ain't what you're notThing-fish:

Not even hardly...Ensemble:

So see what you gotThing-fish:

And you got a lot o' lookin' t'do, junior!Ensemble:

You are what you isThing-fish:

Dat entirely too correct!Ensemble:

An' that's all it 'tis!Thing-fish:

Uh-huhhhh!Ensemble:

A foolish young manThing-fish:

Bring dat dummy ovuh heah 'n show it to 'em!Ensemble:

Stashed away in san quentim ate de mys'try potatoesThing-fish:

Told ya 'bout dem 'taters!Ensemble:

Evil prince was inventin' now he talk like de thing-fishThing-fish: (manipulating the dummy)

("hmmmm, saffiiiee!")Ensemble:

An' he look like a mammy!Thing-fish: (manipulating the dummy)

("see de mammy, now! see de mammy, now!")Ensemble:

His fav'rit co-log-numm...Thing-fish:

Smell like...Sister potato head bobby brown, sister ghenghis adonis osmosis, sister jasmine noxema tapioca:

Chitlins!Ensemble:

Is de one dey call 'sammy'!Thing-fish:

One-adam-twelve...see de mammy...Ensemble:

He finally layin!Thing-fish:

Armed 'n dangerous, reproach wit cautium!Ensemble:

De whole thang down, 'cept de nivea lotium!Thing-fish:

Rub it on good, now!Ensemble:

An de royal crown!Thing-fish:

Take good care o' dat "ash"!Ensemble:

Do you know what you are?Thing-fish:

You's a wimp...she's a shrew!Ensemble:

You are what you is!Thing-fish:

Got dat?Ensemble:

You is what you am!Thing-fish:

One-adam-twelve, see de mammy agin!Ensemble:

(a cow don't make ham...)Thing-fish:

And it never will...Ensemble:

You ain't what you're not,Thing-fish:

Unless science do somethin' 'bout it!Ensemble:

So see what you got!Thing-fish:

I know dey woikin' on it...Ensemble:

You are what you is,Thing-fish:

Underneath virginia!Ensemble:

An' that's all it 'tis!Thing-fish:

Boog-boogmmm, dano..."mammy one"! they toss dummy #1 into the wings, an d introduce dummy #2 to harry & rhonda. their torture-chairs, (on a rolling platform), are wheeled to center E. the action takes place all around them.Ensemble: (showing dummy #2)

A foolish young man

Of de negro persuasion

Devoted his life

To become a caucasian

He stopped eating pork

He stopped eating greens

He trade his dashikiSister owl-gonkwinn-jane cow-hoon: (manipulating the dummy)

("uhuru!")Ensemble:

For some jordache jeans!He learned to play golf

An' he got a good score

Now he says to himself:

"i ain't no..."Thing-fish:

"nignint!"Ensemble:

No more...hey! hey! hey!"Thing-fish:

One-adam-twelve, see de "nignint" wit knife... proceed wif cautium...knife may be open...Ensemble:

Bwana ma-coo-bahHarry:

All right! let's go!Ensemble:

Mercedes bainnnzzzz!Ensemble:
Who is who?Sister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon: (singing)
I don't know...Ensemble:
'n what is whatSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Somethin' I just don't know...Ensemble:
'n why is thisSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Tell me now...Ensemble:
AppropriotSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
That's a funny pronunciation, if'n ever I heard one!Ensemble:
If you don't likeSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Where'd you get that word?Ensemble:
What you has gotSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Appropriot? the word is not!Ensemble:
Drop it in the dirtSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Drop it, yeah!Ensemble:
'n let it rotSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I can smell it now!Ensemble:
Someone elseSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Here de come, here de come!Ensemble:
Will surely comeSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I told you he was comin'!Ensemble:
'n pick it upSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
That's right!Ensemble:
'cause he wants someSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
An' he wants it for free!Ensemble:
And when one daySister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
There will come a day!Ensemble:
You wonder whoSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I wonder too!Ensemble:
You used to wasSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Who I was, anyway!Ensemble:
'n what you doSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I used to work at the post office!Ensemble:
You'll scratch your headSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
But I don't wanna un-do my doo!Ensemble:
'n look aroundSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
To see what's goin' on!Ensemble:
But what you lostSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Can't seem to find it!Ensemble:
Will not be foundSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
A mercedes benz!Ensemble:
Do you know what you are?Sister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I know!Ensemble:
You are what you isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I'm the kinda guy...Ensemble:

You is what you amSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
That ought to be drivin'Ensemble:
A cow don't make hamSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
A four-fifty slc...Ensemble:
You ain't what you're notSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
A big ol' red one!Ensemble:
So see what you gotSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
With some golf clubs stickin' out de trunk!Ensemble:
You are what you isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I'm gwine down to de links on saturday mornin'!Ensemble:
An' that's all it isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Gimme a five dollar bill!Ensemble:
You are what you isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
And an overcoat too...Ensemble:
An' that's all it isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Where's my waitress, yeahhhh!Ensemble:
You are what you isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
Robbie, take me to greek town!Ensemble:
An' that's all it isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I'm harder than yer husband; harder than yer husband!Ensemble:
You are what you isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I'm goin' down to white street, to the mudd club, y'all!Ensemble:
An' that's all it isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
I'm goin' down 'n work the wall! 'n work the floorEnsemble:
You are what you isSister owl-gonkwin-jane cow-hoon:
'n work the pipe, 'n work the wall some more!Ensemble:
An' that's all it is

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