

## Captain Beefheart & His Magic Band

### "Seam Crooked Sam"

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The mule kicked off a new one  
and the stockings ran up Seam Crooked Sam  
bandana frock stuffed with smoke  
and ears out flopped like bowlin' pins  
hog troughs hocked and wallered in cool mud bins  
and patent leather hooves  
split in twos  
rooms for rent down t' Ben's  
Frendsa danced in a frenzy  
choked a juke bird with froth glass ferns  
and turpentine urns her sawdust daily keep  
and whiskey creeps down her neck naked front  
and red leatherette  
peen button set where her fanny sweat  
raised her wrist-a-fan and a mouse coughed cotton  
through a screen door cracked sand  
rooms rent only to friends  
Hat Rack Hotel  
architecture tincture of red Arkies  
pinched the southern belle  
and splayed his cracked nail hand  
grey fedora--snappy band  
and the camel walls yelluh like damp dead chickens  
beak down the hard wood floor  
and the music--O the music  
harp man blew his best lung white shirt  
his feet worked like a monkey out the door  
and Dora robbed a baby through a dark bebop  
licorice lenses fogged in hot sorrow  
through the floorboards at the general store  
yuh foods still in the hot hand oven  
apple pie cooked through a seed bruised stem eye  
sticky in the window of Momma Frame Broke  
rope bell dinglin'

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