

Ella Fitzgerald**"A Woman is a Sometime Thing"**

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JAKE

(To Clara)

What, that chile ain't asleep yet? Give him to me.

I'll fix him for you.

(Jake takes the baby from Clara)

Lissen to yo' daddy warn you,

'Fore you start a-travelling,

Woman may born you, love you and mourn you,

But a woman is a sometime thing,

Yes, a woman is a sometime thing.

MINGO

Oh, a woman is a sometime thing.

JAKE

Yo' mammy is the first to name you,

Then she'll tie you to her apron string,

Then she'll shame you and she'll blame you

Till yo' woman comes to claim you,

'Cause a woman is a sometime thing,

Yes, a woman is a sometime thing.

SPORTING LIFE

Oh, a woman is a sometime thing.

JAKE

Don't you never let a woman grieve you

Jus' cause she got yo' weddin' ring.

She'll love you and deceive you,

Take yo' clothes and leave you

'Cause a woman is a sometime thing.

ALL

Yes, a woman is a sometime thing.

Yes, a woman is a sometime thing,

Yes, a woman is a sometime thing.

JAKE

There now, what I tells you; he's asleep already.

(Baby wails)
(Men at crap game laugh).

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