

Shel Silverstein "Yowzah"

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Well it wasn't too very long ago you know some folks
walked with a hi-dee-ho
And other folks walked around kind of low
Sayin' Yowzah and Sho nuff and Yassuh boss
It was ashes to ashes and dust to dust and they didn't
believe in makin' a fuss
So they quietly moved to the back of the bus
They just say Yowzah and Sho nuff and Yassuh boss
And when things got rough they did a little prayin'
Little arm wavin' and a little bit of swayin'
Didn't do no good they kept right on a sayin'
Sayin' Yowzah and Sho nuff and Yassuh boss
So they all went out and did a little standin' little less
askin' and a lot more demandin'
Little less liftin' and a little less totin' a lot more thinkin'
and a lot more votin'
A lot less hopin' a lot less waitin'
A whole lot more demonstratin' a lot less pearly gate'n'
A lot more fightin' and a lot more walkin' until finally no
one at all was talkin'
Like Yowzah and Sho nuff and Yassuh boss
The end of this story is plain to see they finally
achieved equality
And now like you and me they can stand up strong and
free
And say Yes sir and Of course sir and Anything you say
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