

## Lil Hardin Armstrong

### "Born to Swing"

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Born to dance? No!  
Born to prance? No!  
Born to sing? No!  
Well, you must be born to swing! Yeah!  
I'm just an ordinary gal, that was born to swing!  
[Scats]

Now all the gals on Park Avenue have a high-brow song  
to sing,  
But I'll stay here on Lennox Avenue, where I was born to  
swing.  
Now, some folks got plenty money, some folks got  
philosophy,  
But I've got good old swing, and it's good enough for  
me!  
So with a song on my lips, and rhythm in my hips,  
I can't go wrong, having my fling,  
'Cause I was born to swing!

When I was a baby, maw used to sing lullabies and  
nursery themes,  
But I never stopped crying, believe it or not,  
Till maw starting swinging and gettin' real hot!  
Old man river can roll along, pick cotton with Georgia  
reams,  
But I'll roll my eyes and pick cute guys,  
'Cause I was born to swing!

Now, Cleopatra used the jive in Rome,  
Got the same kind of jive right here at home!  
The smoother, faster, for streamlined feet,  
Hear the bold little tune and follow my lead,  
I'm just an ordinary gal that was born to swing!  
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