

Various Artists "Rufus Xavier Sarsaparilla"

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Now I have a friend named Rufus Xavier Sasparilla,
and I could say that Rufus found a kangaroo

That followed Rufus home

And now that kangaroo belongs

To Rufus Xavier Sasparilla

Whew! I could say that, but I don't have to

'Cause I have pronouns I can say,

HE found a kangaroo that followed HIM home

And now IT is HIS

You see, HE, HIM and HIS are pronouns

Replacing the noun Rufus Xavier Sasparilla,

A very proper noun,

And it is a pronoun replacing the noun kangaroo.

(How common.)

Now Rufus has a sister named Rafaella Gabriela
Sasparilla

If she found a kangaroo I'd say to you

SHE found a kangaroo that followed HER home

and now it is HERS but I can't say that...

Because SHE found an aardvark

That fell in love with HER and THEY're so happy.

And my name is Albert Andreas Armadillo

(No relation to the Sasparillas)

Because of pronouns I can say:

I wish SHE would find a rhinoceros for ME

And WE'd be happy.

You see, a pronoun was made to take the place of a
noun,

Because saying all those nouns over and over

Can really wear you down!

Now I could tell you Rafaella Gabriela

and Rufus Xavier Sasparilla and

Albert Andreas Armadillo found

an aardvark, a kangaroo and a rhinoceros

And now that aardvark and that kangaroo

and that rhinoceros belong respectively to

Rafaella Gabriela Sasparilla

and Rufus Xavier Sasparilla

and Albert Andreas Armadillo

Whew! Because of pronouns I can say in this way:

WE found THEM and THEY found US
And now THEY are OURs and WE're so happy
Thank you pronouns!
A pronoun was made to take the place of a noun
Because saying all those nouns over and over
Can really wear you down.
Sometimes when we take them all on the bus
People really raise a fuss
They start shouting out pronouns at us
Like, "WHO brought that rhinoceros on the bus?"
And "WHAT made that horrible noise?"
And "WHICH one of them's getting off first?"
WHO, WHAT, and WHICH are special pronouns
which can ask a question in the sense
where you do not know the name of the noun.
But I know
I have MINE and SHE has HERS and HE has HIS
YOU have YOURS
THEY love US and WE love THEM
What's OURS is THEIRS, that's how it is with
friends.
And pronouns, you are really friends, yeah!
Cause saying all those nouns over and over
can really wear you down.

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