

To Love the Language

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I is just what I was
And am ain't who I be
To love the language
You got to be born
On the banks of the mississippi

Ax' ya x what talks in tongues
Say: never mo' neither me
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Stayin by my mama's
In slippers and pajamas
Where there's always somethin good to eat
Bettin strawberries
Honey and cherries
And pecan-pies oh so sweet

With a dew-rag on my brow
Jasmine, wysteria and fleur-de-lis
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If you won't work fo' a livin
And live life leisurely
Pull up a screen po-ch
Flop out in a rockin chair
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