

# You Gotta Learn Your Rhythm and Blues

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The board of education from Maine to Tennessee  
Just don't dig that crazy ABC  
You know they teach us something different and they call it R &  
B

You gotta learn your rhythm and blues  
Everybody's shoutin' the news  
Go out and buy a pair of rock and roll shoes  
Or brother you're gonna lose  
The time is incidental, the fun is fundamental  
When you learn your rhythm and blues

No more readin' and writin' and 'rythmetic  
You got to know the three R's when the teacher swings the hicko  
ry stick  
Start a-reelin' and a-rockin' and a-rollin' with your chick

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When the teacher gives us homework everyone shouts hooray, hoor  
ay  
I got to go right home and study without delay  
I got to tune into Bandstand and get the lesson for today

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