

## Dat Dere

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Hey mama, what's that there? And what's that doing there?  
Hey mama, hey mama, hey look at that over there!  
And what's that doing there? And where're they going there?  
And mummy can I have that big elephant over there?

And who's that in my chair? And what's he doing there?  
Mama, hey mama, can I go over there?  
Hey mama, what is square? And where do we get air?  
And mama can I have that big elephant over there?

Quizzical kid, she doesn't want anything here  
Just forever to manage to know who what why or where  
Inquisitive child, sometimes the questions get wild  
Like mommy can I have that big elephant over there?

Don't wanna comb my hair and where's my teddy bear?  
And mama, hey look at the cowboy coming there  
And can I have a pair of boots like that to wear?  
And mama can I have that big elephant over there?

The time will march days will go  
And little baby's going to grow  
I gotta tell her what she needs to know  
I'll help her along and she'll be strong

And she'll know right from wrong  
As life's parade goes marching by  
She's gonna need to know some reasons why  
I don't have all the answers but I'll try to do what I can  
We'll make a plan

You give the kid your best and hope she'll pass the test  
And finally send her out into the world somewhere  
And though she's grown up I bet I never will forget  
Mummy, can I have that big elephant over there?

Hey why they do that there? And how you put that there?  
Hey mummy, up here! Hey mummy, what that say up there?  
Hey mummy, what is fair? How come I have to share?  
And mummy can I have that big elephant over there?  
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