

# Shine

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When I was born they christened me plain Samuel Johnson Brown  
But I hadn't grown so very big, 'fore some folks in this town  
Had changed it 'round to, "Sambo", I was "Rastus" to a few  
Then "Chocolate Drop" was added by some others that I knew

And then to cap the climax, I was strolling down the line  
When someone shouted, "Fellas, hey! Come on and pipe the shine!"

But I don't care a bit  
Here's how I figure it

Well, just because my hair is curly  
And just because my teeth are pearly  
Just because I always wear a smile  
Likes to dress up in the latest style

Just because I'm glad I'm livin'  
Takes trouble smilin', never whine  
Just because my color's shady  
Slightly different maybe that's why they call me shine

Say, just because my hair is curly  
And just because my teeth are pearly  
And just because I always wear a smile  
I wear my jeans like a man I mean  
He always dresses in the latest style

Just because I'm glad I'm livin'  
Takes trouble smilin', never whine  
Just because my color's shady  
Slightly different maybe that's why they call me shine