

# Shel Silverstein, Yowzah

Well it wasn't too very long ago you know some folks walked with a hi-dee-ho  
And other folks walked around kind of low  
Sayin' Yowzah and Sho nuff and Yassuh boss  
It was ashes to ashes and dust to dust and they didn't believe in makin' a fuss  
So they quietly moved to the back of the bus  
They just say Yowzah and Sho nuff and Yassuh boss  
And when things got rough they did a little prayin'  
Little arm wavin' and a little bit of swayin'  
Didn't do no good they kept right on a sayin'  
Sayin' Yowzah and Sho nuff and Yassuh boss  
So they all went out and did a little standin' little less askin' and a lot more demandin'  
Little less liftin' and a little less totin' a lot more thinkin' and a lot more votin'  
A lot less hopin' a lot less waitin'  
A whole lot more demonstratin'a lot less pearly gate'n'  
A lot more fightin' and a lot more walkin' until finally no one at all was talkin'  
Like Yowzah and Sho nuff and Yassuh boss  
The end of this story is plain to see they finally achieved equality  
And now like you and me they can stand up strong and free  
And say Yes sir and Of course sir and Anything you say JB