

I'm a Mammal

I'm a mammal . . . I'm a warm-blooded creature, I'm a hot-blooded mama
I'm a mammal
Oh, I bear my babies live and you know that ain't no jive
'Cause I'm a mammal

*She's a mammal, she's a mammal
And we're finally realizing
And there is no disguising
She's a mammal ("She's a human;" "She's an animal in disguise")*

Some say, "I think therefore I am," but I think that's a cryin' sham
'Cause I'm a mammal
And I build myself a house just like a lion or a mouse
'Cause I'm a mammal

Sometimes it feels a heavy load because we're carrying a code
that says we're mammals
But what I really mean to say when I look at my DNA
It spells out "mammal: "M-A-M-M-A-L"
Adenine-thymine; cytosine-guanine

Someone looking from a star sees a kind of monkey driving cars
Says, "Now they have gone too far . . .
Seems they just got down from trees, now they're all trying to be free
They've lost sight of their species ("strange kind of mammal")"

When we go out on a date, we're just searching for a mate
We just love to copulate and make more mammals
Chuckie Darwin wrote it all about the rise and 'bout the fall
of all these creatures (some are toucans, slugs and frogs) and some are . . .

Oh, like others of his ilk, my baby drinks his mama's milk
'Cause he's a mammal ("He is?" "You've gotta be kidding me!"
"In public?" "That's disgusting!")
And it is no curse to nurse, we've been doing it from the first
Because we're mammals . . .

"Excuse me, madamal . . . but could you nurse that infant
somewhere else . . . this is a civilized establishment - can't you read the sign?
It says, 'NO MAMMALS' . . ."

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