

The Who and "Who Are You"

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[The Who](#) is a mythical British rock band that first formed in 1964. They were associated with the 1960s [Mod](#) (white) subculture, and were known for smashing their guitars and drums at the end of concerts. They symbolised the rebelliousness of London in the Swinging Sixties. As musicians, The Who are known for so-called "concept albums", long-playing records with a general theme. These include [Tommy](#) and [Quadrophenia](#), which respectively also became a rock opera and film. The key members of the group over time have been Roger Daltrey (vocalist) Pete Townshend (guitarist), John Entwistle (bassist) and Keith Moon (drummer). The group split up in 1983, but have performed occasionally since then. "Who are you" and "[Pinball Wizard](#)" are two well-known songs.

<p>Who are you? Who, who, who, who? ... I woke up in a Soho doorway A policeman knew my name He said, "You can go sleep at home tonight If you can get up and walk away" I staggered back to the underground And the breeze blew back my hair I remember throwin' punches around And preachin' from my chair Well, who are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?) I really wanna know (who are you? Who, who, who, who?) Tell me, who are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?) 'Cause I really wanna know (who are you? Who, who, who, who?) I took the tube back out of town Back to the Rollin' Pin I felt a little like a dying clown With a streak of Rin Tin Tin I stretched back and I hiccupped And looked back on my busy day Eleven hours in the tin pan God, there's got to be another way Well, who are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?) Oh, who are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?) Come on and tell me, who are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?) Oh, who the fuck are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?) Who are you? (Ooh wa, ooh wa, ooh wa, ooh wa, ooh wa, ooh) ... Who are you? Who, who, who, who? ... I really wanna know (who are you? Who, who, who, who?)... Come on, tell me, who are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?) 'Cause I really wanna know (who are you? Who, who, who, who?) I know there's a place you walked Where love falls from the trees My heart is like a broken cup I only feel right on my knees I spit out like a sewer hole Yet still receive your kiss How can I measure up to anyone now After such a love as this? Well, who are you? (Who are you? Who, who, who, who?) ... Come on, tell me, who are you, you, you, ah, you? (Yeah)</p>	<p>Soho used to be a somewhat sleazy part of London, known for its nightclubs and prostitution, etc. Today, it all seems quite gentrified (i.e. affluent and well-kept)</p> <p>To stagger: to walk or stand with difficulty, to totter</p> <p>Throwing punches: hitting with your fists</p> <p>To preach: to give a sermon, a lesson, to give moral instruction</p> <p>Tube: underground, or "subway" in US English</p> <p>Rolling pin: a round bar of wood used to press flour when making cakes or bread. Here it probably means going back to his wife, ready to hit him with a rolling pin.</p> <p>Tin pan: here, a small concert hall, normally a pot to cook with</p> <p>Wanna: want to</p> <p>'cause: because</p> <p>Sewer: system of pipes and drains collecting waste water</p> <p>To measure up to: to be as good as, to be equal to someone</p>
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