Louis Jordan – “Is You Is or Is You Ain’t My Baby?” (1943)

This is a song written by Louis Jordan and Billy Austin in 1943. The song reached No. 1 on the US folk/country chart, No. 2 on the US pop chart, and No. 3 on the R&B chart. The song has been recorded by more than 130 different artists over the years. Bing Crosby and The Andrews Sisters recorded the song in 1944 and it reached No. 2 in the Billboard charts. B. B. King and Dr. John covered it in 1999. Their version won the 2001 Grammy Award for “Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals”.

I got a gal who's always late
Anytime we have a date
But I love her
Yes I love her

I'm gonna walk right up to her gate
And see if I can get it straight
'Cause I want her
I'm gonna ask her

“Is you is or is you ain't my baby?
The way you're acting lately makes me doubt
Yous is still my baby, baby
Seems my flame in your heart's done gone out”

A woman is a creature
That has always been strange
Just when you're sure of one
You find she's gone and made a change

“Is you is or is you ain't my baby?
Maybe baby's found somebody new
Or is my baby still my baby true?”

[Musical Interlude]

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Loius Jordan (1943):	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7M4thNT_EY
Bing Crosby and The Andrews Sisters (1944):	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Yj04tc-e2Y
B. B. King and Dr. John (1999):	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvC9qpw9JAs
Annie Sellick (2013):	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLMfD45u5As