

WITHOUT AN S

(performed by Rita Moreno and Bill Cosby on *The Electric Company*)

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music: "Without a Song" by Vincent Youmans

Without an S -- A nest would be a net.
Without an S -- The west would just be wet.
What happiness!
That pest could be a pet,
 Without an S.

Without an S -- A spin would be a pin.
Without an S -- Your skin would be your kin.
And I confess
That sin is really in,
 Without an S.

A spine would then be a pine,
And swine would turn to wine,
A stick would be a tick.
When you were sick,
You wouldn't feel sick,
You'd only feel *ick!*

Without an S -- A slap would be a lap.
Without an S -- A strap would be a trap.
Your hands can't clasp,
No, they can only clap,
 Without an S.

A scar would then be a car,
A star would turn to tar,
A mast would be a mat.
Try running fast,
You couldn't be fast,
You'd only be fat!

Without an S -- A ship would be a hip.
Without an S -- A slip would be a lip.
When you undress,
A strip would be a trip,
 Without an S.