

# JAZZ & BLUES MUSIC

## SONG LYRICS

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LY-JZ1

### BUILD MYSELF A CAVE

Comp: John Lee HOOKER & Bernard BESMAN (JZ-BL4 & JZ-BL5)

Well, I'm gonna build myself a cave  
Heed 'em or move down in the ground.  
Lord, I'm gonna build myself a cave  
Lord, I'm gonna move down in the ground.

Now when I go ta the Army, darlin'  
It won't be no dictator around.

Well, I goes to my mailbox – Yes, I did  
Lord, I found my questionnaire.  
Goes to my mailbox, baby  
Lord, I found my questionnaire.

Lord, I know about that now, I know about that  
Time won't be very long

(Guitar break)

Well, I woke up in the morning now, boys  
Just about five o'clock;  
Uncle Sam called me  
God knows, I hung my head, my head beside.  
My Baby said, "Please, don't worry, John"  
(Aside) No, don't worry  
"Lord, I'll be waitin' for you,  
When you come back home again."  
(Aside) Lord, I'm so glad

"Lord, I promise you, man  
I won't have no other man."

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LY-JZ2

### CAVE MAN BLUES

Comp: Charles Pope (JZ-BL6)

Rts: (?)

(Spoken – Dialogue exchange between two persons)  
Say, son, give me my overalls jumper there  
Give me my overalls, please.  
What you gonna do with them, boy?  
Why, I' goin' down in the coal mine.  
Coal mine! What ya gonna do down there?

I'm gonna do like the rest of the cavemen.  
Rest of the cavemen?  
Yeah. Give me my pick an' shovel too.  
What ya gonna do with it?  
I got to dig when I gets into the mine.  
Got to dig when ya get in the mine?  
Yeah, an' give me my lantern.  
Lantern's right behind the door.  
An' I'm goin' ta tell ya what the caveman did.  
Let's hear about it.

- I. Mister Cave Man  
Doggone your cavin' soul  
Mister Cave Man  
Doggone your cavin' soul  
You better quit your bad habits  
Diggin' in every dark hole.
- II. You caved so much  
An' you can't keep it hid  
You caved so much  
You can't keep it hid  
You gonna get in the wrong cave  
Like Floyd Collins did.
- III. You won't go to the barber  
You won't even shave  
You won't go to the barber  
You won't even shave  
You know a clean-faced man  
Don't go in no cave.

(Instrumental bridge)

(Spoken) Play that thing, boy, play it  
This is no tea time to get away  
Shoot it, Joe  
'Cause John ain't got no pants no how.

- IV. I'm goin' in a cave  
At the sounding of the drums;  
I'm goin' in a cave  
At the sounding of the drums;  
An' I'll dig an' dig  
'Til my good gal comes.

(Spoken) That's some cave man.

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### LY-JZ3

## WHY DON'T YOU ACT LIKE A CAVE MAN

Comp: Lady Lois ROBBINS (JZ#)

Rts: (?), ca.1954

- I. Why don't you take me on like a cave man  
Tease me 'til I can't even scream,  
Marry me before I breathe correctly  
I'm a weak, little cave man's dream.
- II. Why don't you act like a cave man  
You don't have to wait for a "Yes."  
You know I'm a timid little creature  
I'm a willy-nilly, I confess.

III. I just can't make my little mind up  
I'd like to say I love you if I could  
Just snatch me up an' run to the preacher  
Why don't you act like a cave man would?

(Instrumental bridge)

(Repeat Stanza 2)

(Repeat Stanza 3 – Twice)

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