

JAZZ & BLUES MUSIC

SONG LYRICS

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."

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.

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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