

Mama Stayed Out the Whole Night Long

Butterbeans and Susie (1926)

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You know something, Sue? There's gonna be a fight.

Now what's the matter? Pants too tight?

Heh. Listen. I ain't telling you what I overheard, but I know you stayed out all last night. You should be running now. Don't you know that I'm mad as sin? Yes indeed. I heard you when you tiptoed in. You think I like that?

How come? I thought you was in bed.

Never said I ain't asleep. Now come on, mama, and tell me, where have you been? Tell me!

Now baby, I'll tell you where ... and doubt me if you dare.

Tell me, tell me.

Mama stayed out the whole night long, but mama didn't do no wrong

Woman, you expect me to believe that? You mean to tell me that you stayed out until broad daylight, with all them ??? and kept your conscience strong?

Listen, Butter: I lost my door key, I laid it on the table

I couldn't get in, so I slept in the stable

Your mama stayed out the whole night long, but mama didn't do no wrong

Can you prove it? Your mama didn't do no wrong

Listen. Now suppose if papa goes and stays out the whole night long

Now papa's gone out gettin' wrong! *I thought that*

It's all right, you know, for a man to stay out all night

He's big and healthy enough to keep his conscience strong

Listen, Butter: It's all right for you to stand there and grin

But when the moon comes out, Butter, please, bring it on in

I might be black and ugly, and look like a crossword puzzle

But don't get vicious, mama, 'cause papa's toting your muzzle

You might be upright, healthy and sound

Mess with me, I'll put you under the ground

Papa, I don't want none of your chatter

I've heard your story, but listen to my pratter

'Cause if papa stays out the whole night long

Then papa's gonna get it wrong. *You gettin' evil, mama*

Papa's gonna get it wrong