

The Spasm

Daddy Stovepipe and Mississippi Sarah (1935)

*Sarah: My man treats me like a dog. I don't mean to be so bold,
but I'm gonna get these women told!*

You ask my man for a meal, you spasm, you
You ask my man for a meal, you lowdown hound
 You ask my mean for a meal
 Something else you're trying to steal
I'll be glad when you're dead, you spasm, you

You showed my wife how to dance, you no-good rat
You showed my wife how to dance, you pop-eyed hound
 You showed my wife how to dance
 You brought her back without her pants
I'll be glad when you're gone, you dog

I wanna know what is that you got, you spasm, you
I wanna know what is that you got, you spasm, you
 I wanna know what is that you got
 That makes my man so doggone hot
I'll be glad when you're dead, you spasm, you

You begged my wife for a watch and chain, you hound
You begged my wife for a watch and chain, you dog
 You begged my wife for a watch and chain
 Just for a chance to shake that thing
I'll be glad when you're gone, you spasm, you

I say a bow-legged woman's like a snake in the grass, you hound
Well a bow-legged woman's like a snake in the grass, you dog
 A bow-legged woman's like a snake in the grass
 A good fool lands on his yas yas yas
I'll be glad when you're dead, you dog

I peeked through the keyhole and looked, you no-good rat
I peeked through the keyhole and looked, you pop-eyed fool
 I peeked through the keyhole and looked
 What you was doing wasn't in the book
I'll be glad when you're gone, you no-good rat

I went to the river and I couldn't get across, you hound
I went to the river and I couldn't get across, you dog
 I went to the river and I couldn't get across
 I jumped on your brother and I rode him for a horse
I'll be glad when you're dead, you dog

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