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"Knockin' Lost John"

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/=either: one beat in a measure; splitting measure;
repeat same chord this measure
^=splitting a beat, i.e., chord comes in on a half beat
count
ex.: D/^A // ; the A played
1 2 & 3 4 on the AND after 2

|C G |D A |[4X]

F#m |A |D |A |

I went down to Duffy's bar with depression on my mind

F#m |A |D/^A // |D/^A // |

Just to blow off a little steam and try to unwind

F#m |A |D |A |

Times were getting tough with no relief in sight

F#m |A |D/^A // |D/^A // |

Last straw I lost my job, next straw your life

C G | D A |

Knock on knockin' lost John

C G | D A |

The Great Depression was going strong

C G | D A |

Hard times comin' on

C G | D A |

Long gone knockin' lost John

G e |f# d |e c |a | (notes played on top of the chord
sound

E- |D |C |A | 1st note 1/2 beat, 2nd note 3 1/2 beats)

Born on the south side, got my schoolin' at the pool hall
Saturday night we get back to back, Sunday mornin',
wall to wall

Never seen nothing like it, people jumpin' out of
windows and going mad

That's not half as bad as losin' what you never had

CHORUS

Back in 1929 it was livin' hell

Crime was on the rise when the bottom fell

Keepin' poverty pocket high upon the hill
Back door you lock it, they'll break it still

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