

## Jimmy Cozier

### "Darktown Poker Club"

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Bill Jackson was a poor old dub,  
Who joined the Darktown Poker Club  
But cursed the day he told them he would join.  
His money used to go like it had wings  
If he held Queens, someone had Kings  
And each night he would contribute all his coins.  
He said I'm going to play em tight tonight  
No bobtail flush is gonna make me bite  
When I get's in, my hands going to be a peach.  
So he played em tight, but lost his pile  
And Bill got peevish after a while  
So he rose, got up, and made this speech.

He said - Now you all see this brand new razor  
I've had it sharpened just today  
And I'm comin''- in with my own rules  
That you must follow as you play.  
Now keep them boney hands on the table when you  
deal'em please  
And don't be slipp'en any aces down there in between  
your knees.  
And don't make any of them funny signs like your  
trying to tip off your hand  
Just talk in American, boy American - so's I can  
understand.  
And don't be dealing off the bottom, cause Oh! that's  
rough  
Just take Five, Five - then stop, that's enough.  
Now when you bet, put up them chips, cause I don't like  
it when you shy.  
If you get busted - go get some, cause I won't be here  
by & by.  
Pass them cards for me to shuffle every time before  
you deal  
Then if anything wrong, I must see.  
Cause you ain't going to play this game according to  
Mr. Hoyle,  
You're going to play this here game according to me.

Now sitting right there at that there clan  
There chanced to be a one eyed man

And Bill kept watching from the corner of his eye.  
If ol' one-eye would deal'em then  
It would have cost that Bill another five or ten.  
So he rose, looked all around and with a sigh,  
He said 'Lord' he said - but it's an awful shame,  
But there's someone cheating in this here game  
Of course it don't do for me to name the guy.  
So I'll refrain from mentioning the party's name  
But if I catch him cheating just once again  
I'm gonna take my fist and close that other eye.

Now you all see this brand new razor  
Well I've had it sharpened just today  
I'm comin' in with my own rules  
That you must follow when you play. - Egad  
Keep your hands up there when you deal'em please  
And don't be puttin' those wildies slip in between your  
knees.  
And don't make them funny signs like your trying to tip  
off your hand  
Just talk American - Big A-A-A so's I can understand.  
And don't be takin' off the bottom, cause I've told you  
before - that's rough!  
This is the Army game, Five, Five - then halt, that's  
enough.  
When you bet, let's see them Reds and Blues, cause I  
don't like it when you shy.  
If you run out of gas - go get pumped up, I won't be  
here by & by.  
Pass them pasteboards for me to shuffle every time  
before you deal - let me ripple.  
Anything's wrong, I wanna see.  
I mean you ain't gonna play this game now according  
to Mr. Hoyle,  
You're going to play this game according to me.  
Henry, if you break the seal on them new set of  
Bicycles - we'll go on from here....Yeah, Yeah, Yeah.

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