

## Lil Johnson

### "That Bonus Done Gone Through"

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Have you heard the latest news?  
These veterans ain't got no more blues!  
They are planning what to do  
Since that bonus1 done gone through!

Now, where's that man you used to rave about?  
It's time now to see what he's made out  
You'd better not let him slip through your hands  
'Cause some other woman will surely take your man!

Come on, girls! Yes! Ain't you going downtown? Yes!  
What you gonna buy? A new evening gown!  
Ooooooh, a new pair of shoes!  
Ooooooh, gonna truck away those blues!  
'Cause that bonus done gone through!

(spoken:  
Beat it out, boy!  
Say, Bob!  
Yes?  
Ain't you gettin' your bonus?  
Sure, baby!  
You'll go up when the wagon comes  
Come up and see me sometime  
Sure, baby, when I get my bonus!)

Now when you steps out on the street  
All lookin' so nice and neat  
Everybody will stare at you so  
Now look here, folks, she's out the bear once more

Now when I get all togged down  
Men's will come from miles around  
Go on, boys, I ain't got no time to lose  
I got a good veteran who has cured my blues

Come on, girls!  
Yes!  
Ain't you going downtown?  
Yes!  
What you gonna buy?

A new evening gown!  
Oooooh, listen to my call!  
Oooooh, just watch this Mae West walk!  
'Cause that bonus done gone through!  
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Note 1: bonus, Michael Fleenor wrote: "The song 'That Bonus done gone through' refers to the May, 1932 bonus march and protest in Washington DC by World War 1 veterans. A bonus had been promised but President Hoover refused and in July 1932 ordered staff general Douglas MacArthur to clear them out. It got violent. After Roosevelt's election things changed. Many veterans received jobs in the various employment programs until the details of the bonus came out. They eventually got it after a few years

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