

## Lou Monte

# "Pepino The Italian Mouse"

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Pepino, The Italian Mouse  
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spoken:

Signore e signori, io mi chiamo Pepino Suracilla.  
[Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Pepino the Mouse]  
And, what a mulaniana! [scoundrel]

Pepino, oh, you little mouse,  
Oh, won't you go away.  
Find yourself another house to run around and play.  
You scare my girl, you eat my cheese, you even drink  
my wine.  
I try so hard to catch you but you trick me all the time.

Ce sta una suracilla basciâ' uâ' Â“cellarÂ” mezzo  
mure.

Ogni sera ella esce quando la casa Â© scura.  
Ella do indo la cucina balla sula-sula  
Appara Â'nu malandrina, pura la gata sâ'a paura.

[English translation:

Thereâ's a mouse down in the cellar between the walls.  
Every evening it comes out when the house is dark.  
She comes up in the kitchen and dances all alone  
She seems like such a rascal, even the cat is terrified.]

Pepino suracilla, mÂ'a fatta scumbati  
Managia suracilla! Di casa nÂ'andai  
Stasera illa cucina Â'nu poco di vino en cÂ'e lascia.  
E quando sÂ'embriaga, ah Pepino Â© cÂ'encappa.

[English translation:

Pepino the mouse, youâ've embarassed me.  
The heck with this mouse, Get out of my house.  
This evening in the kitchen a little wine will be left  
And when heâ's good and drunk, ah, Pepino will be  
caught!]

The other night I called my girl  
I asked her could we meet  
I said let's go to my house

We could have a bite to eat  
And as we walked in through the door  
she screamed at what she saw  
There was little Pepino  
Doin' the cha-cha on the floor

Pepino suracilla, m'â' a fatta scumbati  
Managia suracilla! Di casa n'â' andai  
Stasera illa cucina â'nu poco di vino en c'â'e lascia.  
E quando s'â' embriaga a Pepino e c'â' encappa.

A essa non si piace formaggio American'â'  
Ella va trovando â'nu poca Parmegian'â'  
S'â' e fatto ghiata ghiata usce stegga da pur  
Quando qu'â' ella camina apara nu propia calendola

[English translation:  
It doesn't like American cheese.  
It goes around finding Parmesan'â'-  
Then it'll get really big and fat  
And when it walks it'll look like a calendola.[a fat  
wobbly bulbous herb]

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