

## Lou Reed & John Cale

### "Open House"

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Please Come over to 81st street I'm in the apartment  
above the bar You know you can't miss it, it's across  
from the subway and the tacky store with the mylar  
scarves My skin's as pale as outdoors moon my hair's  
silver like a Tiffany watch I like lots of people around  
me but don't kiss hello and please don't touch It's a  
Czechoslovakian custom my mother passed on to me  
The way to make friends Andy is invite them up for tea  
Open house, open house I've got a lot of cats, here's  
my favorite she's lady called Sam I made a paper doll  
of her, you can have it That's what I did when I had  
St.Vitus dance It's a Czechoslovakian custom my  
mother passed on to me Give people little presents so  
they remember me Open house, open house Someone  
bring the vegetables someone please bring heat My  
mother showed up yesterday we need something to  
eat I think I got a job today they want me to draw shoes  
The ones I drew were old and used, they told me to  
draw something new Open house, open house Fly me  
to the moon fly me to a star But there are no stars in  
the New York sky they're all on the ground You scared  
yourself with music, I scared myself with paint I drew  
550 different shoes today, it almost made me faint  
Open house, open house Open house, open house

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