

## **Louis Jordan**

# **"Saturday Night Fish Fry"**

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Now if you've ever been down to New Orleans  
Then you can understand just what I mean  
All through the week, it's quiet as a mouse  
But on Saturday night, they go from house to house

You don't have to pay the usual admission  
If you're a cook, a waiter or a good musician  
So if you happen to be just passin' by  
Stop in at the Saturday Night Fish Fry

It was rockin', it was rockin'  
You never seen such scufflin'  
And shufflin' 'til the break of dawn  
It was rockin', it was rockin'  
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Now my buddy and me was on the main stem  
Foolin' around just me and him  
We decided we could use a little something to eat  
So we went to a house on Rampart Street

We knocked on the door and it opened up with ease  
And a lush little miss said, "Come in, please"  
And before we could even bat an eye  
We were right in the middle of a big fish fry

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Now the folks was havin' the time of their life  
And Sam was jivin' Jimmie's wife  
Over in the corner was a beat up grand  
Being played by a big fat piano man

Some of the chicks wore expensive frocks  
Some of them had on bobbie socks  
But everybody was nice and high

At this particular Saturday Night Fish Fry

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Now the women were screamin' and jumpin' and yellin'  
The bottles was flyin' and the fish was smellin'  
And way up above all the noise they made  
Somebody hollered, "Better get out of here, this is a  
raid"

Now I didn't know we was breakin' the law  
But somebody reached up and hit me on the jaw  
They had us blocked off from the front to the back  
And they was puttin' 'em in the wagon like potato sacks

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I knew I could get away if I had a chance  
But I was shakin' like I had the St. Vitus dance  
Now I tried to crawl under a bathtub  
When the policeman said, "Where you goin' there,  
bub?"

Now they got us out of there like a house afire  
Put us all in that Black Maria  
Now, they might have missed a pitiful few  
But they got poor me and my buddy too

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We headed for jail in a dazed condition  
They booked each one of us on suspicion  
Now my chick came down and went for my bail  
And finally got me out of that rotten jail

Now if you ever want to get a fist in your eye

Just mention a Saturday night fish fry  
I don't care how many fish in the sea  
But don't ever mention a fish to me

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Give me one of them, their fish sandwiches  
Get away from there, boy, yowza

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