

## Hans Theessink

### "Mandolin Man"

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Sounds from the southland from bygone years  
Sweetest music that ever touched my ears  
When I heard sleepy John Estes sing  
First time I heard yank's mandolin

Played with Hammie Nixon and Sleepy John  
Kept me glued to the gramophone  
Such a funky sound, it was the real thing  
And I used to love yank's mandolin

I met yank Rachell some years ago  
Some place up north, we shared the show  
I felt so proud to be on the bandstand  
Play the blues with the mandolin man

Such a gentle man with a big old smile  
Rocked the joint, the crowd went wild  
Played the old time blues from way back when  
Yank was known as the mandolin man

Early last April took up and died  
Angels lifted him up to the sky  
I bet he's playing in the heavenly band  
Angels boppin' to the blues of the mandolin man

Yank Rachell's gone to another shore  
He'll never play down here no more  
Ain't nobody that ever walked the land  
Played the blues like the mandolin ma

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