

Morrison Van

"Lost John"

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(Traditional)

Ha!

This here's a story about Lost John

Lost John done flew the coop!

Hee!

How many long gone?

Lost John standin' by the railroad track
Waitin' for the freight train to come back
Freight train came back and never made no stop
Lost John thought he'd have to ride on top

Well he's long, long, long gone (woo-yeah)
And he's long, long, long gone

Yeah, lost John came into the country woman's house
Sat down it was quiet, just as quiet as a mouse
She said, Now Mister Lost John, be my friend,
Be my friend up until the end.

'Cause he's long, long, long gone (what I'm talkin'
'bout)
Now that he's long, long, long gone
(Yeah came into the country woman's house)

Lost John came into a country woman's house
Sat there as quiet, quiet as a mouse
Said, Mister Lost John be my friend,
Be my friend until the end.

Well, I'm long, long, long gone
Well, I'm long, long, long gone

Yeah, she said, Lost John don't you have no fear,
I'm sending for the porter, gonna buy some beer.
He said, Now woman don't you buy no beer,
The company's on my trail and-a soon be here

'Cause I'm long, long, long gone
(Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah)
Well he's long, long, long gone
(Make it a pair of shoes instead)

Well they caught Lost John
Put 'em in the pen
Cell break went down
And now he's out again

If anybody asks you
Who sung this song
Tell 'em Lonnie Donegan
Been 'ere and gone

Well he's long, long, long gone (ooone)
Well he's long, long, long gone (one more time)

Well he's long, long, long gone
(He goin', he goin')
Well he's long, long, long gone.
(Ba ba ba ba ba ba ba).

[Talking part ending leads into Goin' Home]:
Thankyou! thankyou! (oh yeah Mike - yea). Thankyou
very much. Now we like to have a surprise for you
tonight, and bring on a friend of mine from way back,
Dr John. (wooooo) Yeah. We're gonna do this a, we're
gonna do this song that was written by a, way back
aways a British trumpet player/guitarist (ha ha ha ha
ha) Ken Colyer (yeah that's the man). Goes like this...
one, okay, one...
[leads into Goin' Home] (Transcribed by ear;
corrections requested and welcomed!)

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