## **Open the Door, Richard**

Louis Jordan

Out at the club tonight. Ole Richard went home early - he's got the key to the house. I'm gonna knock on the door, see if I can get in.

Open the door, Richard!! Ya see, Richard sleeps in the back room. It's kinda hard to hear. Maybe I better knock a little louder.

Open the door, Richard!! I don't think Richard heard me yet. Knock one more time-let's see what's gonna happen.

Richard, open the door, please.

Open the door, Richard Open the door and let me in Open the door, Richard Richard, why don't you open that door?

Richard, open the door, Man it's cold out here in this air. Now look, there's that old woman 'cross the street lookin' out the window

(Who's that, Widow Sweet?)

That must be her sister, I guess. She wants to make sure this is me. She's tryin' to find out what's happenin'. Yes, it's me and I'm late again!

(Did you hear what the lady's sayin'?) No, what is she sayin'? (She said you sure look common out here in the street.) Common? Man, I got class I ain't never used yet. I'm gonna knock again - Richard's got to get up. Open the door, Richard!! Man, you got a key to the house? (No, I don't have a key. I don't have a key.) Somebody's got to get in the house. We can't climb in the transom. (Oh, I know he's in there.) How you know he's in there? (I can hear him breathin'.) Ooooh, let's try it one more time! Richard, open that door, man. Maybe Richard's gone.

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I know he's in there.

(How you know he's in there?)

Why, you got on the suit.

I know I got on the only suit. Ain't got but one suit between us. That's the reason why I don't like to room with nobody.

Richard, why don'tcha open the door, man?