

Boogie Children !

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Well my mama, she would not allow me just to stay out all night long
Well my mama, she would not allow me just to stay out all night long
But I disobeyed my mother, forgive me mama,
And I would boogie anyhow...

Rap :

When I first went downtown I was walkin' down Beale Street
People were talkin' about a club where they were all gonna meet
I heard a young girl say an old man with a magic voice was gonna play
That caught my attention cause she was such a looker
I walked in that club and on the stage — John Lee Hooker !

Let me tell y'all, they were really havin' a ball
Go on and boogie children, boogie all night long
Go on and boogie children, won't you boogie all night long ?

Rap :

Well then one night after I did my work
I was lyin' in my room like a tiger in a cage
I heard Momma and Poppa talkin', Momma was in a rage
"That boy's so disrespectful" she began to shout
I heard Poppa tell Mama :
"I want you to let that boy boogie, cause it's in him
And it's just got to come out !"

Well I was so happy, kissed my Mama, out the door I was gone
Go on and boogie children, boogie all night long
Hey, hey now, boogie, boogie children, boogie all night long
I said now boogie children, won't you boogie all night long ?
Hey, hey now, boogie, boogie children, said you've (come on, boogie all night long)
got to boogie, whoa boogie, oh boogie, said you've (come on !) got to boogie,
I said boogie, (boogie children), boogie, you've got to boogie all night long, hey !
You've got to boogie ! (Woo-hoo !) I said boogie, (boogie children !) boogie,
You've got to (come on, boogie all night long !) boogie,
You've got to boogie, oh, all night long !