

Frankie & Johnnie

The Firehouse Jazz Band

Traditional folk ballad with hundreds of verses. Carl Sandburg said that this is America's "Classical gutter song". The modern version was not published until 1912 according to Sigmund Spaeth. Rec: Fate Marable's Society Syncopators (a 10-piece New Orleans band which played aboard the "S. S. Capitol") 1924, Ted Lewis Orch. 1927, King Oliver Orch. 1929, Tiny Winters & His Bogey Seven (British) 1936, etc.

Concert Pitch

Frank - ie and John - nie were lov - ers.
Frank - ie went down to the cor - ner,

Oh, Lord - y a how buck - they could of love!
Just for a buck et of beer. They She

swore to be true to each oth - er, Just as
said to the fat bar - ten - der, "Has my

true as the stars a - bove. He was her
lov - in - est man been here? He was my

man, But he done her wrong.
man, But he's done me wrong".