

The Dirty Dozen

Frankie "Half Pint" Jaxon (1937)

Everybody fall in line

Shake your feet like I'm shaking mine

If you can't shake your feet and shake 'em fast

If you can't shake your feet just laugh, laugh, laugh

 You naughty mistreater, robber and a cheater

 I'll put you in the dozen, your brother is your cousin

 Nothing but the dozen, folks you did the lordy lord

Yonder goes your doggie running across the field

Slipping and sliding like an automobile

I hollered at your puppy and I told him to wait

He slipped away from me like a flying V8

 He was a running mistreater, sliding little creature

 Put him in the dozen, companion was his cousin

 Nothing but the dozen, putting it through the lordy lord

Take it, you cats... (solos)

Now I liked your kitty and your doggie too

But I found out that your doggie wouldn't do

I saw your little kitty on the street the other day

I found out it was funny that way

 It was a funny mistreater, robber and a cheater

 Put him in the dozen, brother was his cousin

 Nothing but the dozen, his folks just did the lordy lord

Hey, blow it now... (solos)

You know, they made an elephant, made him stout

He wasn't satisfied until they made him a snout

They made him a snout just as long as a rail

He wasn't satisfied until they made him a tail

They made him a tail just to fan the flies

He wasn't satisfied and so they made him some eyes

They made him some eyes just to look over the grass

He wasn't satisfied and then they yas yas yas

He said yas yas yas, let's get it fixed

He ate so much grass it made him sick

It made him sick and it made him well

Ever since that ??? has been kind of, well...

 ...mistreater, robber and a cheater

 Put him in the dozen, brother was his cousin

 Nothing but the dozen, folks they did the lord

 Lord, his folks did the lordy lord

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