

Shoeshine Man

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Well, I met the man in Montgomery, Alabama
I was waitin' on a bus and he was shinin' shoes
And I heard him say I'm a shoeshine man, number one in the land
A shoeshine man, make you shine where you stand
Leave me a tip if you can, I'm a shoeshine man Well, I can sing, I can dance, I can play the harmonica too
I got a brand new thing called the southside Montgomery Blues
You better stick around and watch me 'cause I'm an entertainin' fool I'm a shoeshine man, number one in the
land
A shoeshine man, make you shine where you stand
Leave me a tip if you can, I'm a shoeshine man Well, I learned my trade from that rag-poppin' daddy of mine
He shined a pair of alligators, made a hundred-dollar bill one time
Said, "When that meat gets scarce, I shine two or three pairs for a dime" I'm a shoeshine man, number one in the
land
A shoeshine man, make you shine where you stand
Leave me a tip if you can, I'm a shoeshine man I had a girl that helped me, she had a lotta hoochie-coochie ways
She was bumpin' and grindin', paid that girl a dollar a day
But she was shy on age and the law come and took her away I'm a shoeshine man, number one in the land
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