Saturday Night Fish Fry

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Now if you ever been down to New Orleans
Then you can understand just what I mean
Now all through the week, it's quiet as a mouse
But on Saturday night, they go from house to houseYou don't have to pay the usual admission
If you're a cook or a waiter or a good musician
So if you happen to be just passin' by
Stop in at the Saturday Night Fish FryIt was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawn
It was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawnNow my buddy and me was on the main stem
Foolin' around just me and him
We decided we could use a little something to eat
So we went to a house on Rampart StreetWe knocked on the door and it opened with ease
And a lush little miss said, "Come in, please"
And before we could even bat an eye
We were right in the middle of a big fish fryIt was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawn
It was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawnNow the folks was havin' the time of their life
And Sam was jivin' Jimmie's wife
And over in the corner was a beat up grand
Being played by a big fat piano manNow some of the chicks wore expensive frocks
Some of them had on bobby socks
But everybody was nice and high
At this particular Saturday Night Fish FryIt was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawn
It was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawnNow my buddy and me, we fell right in
And we hollered, "Let the joy begin!"
Now we figured this was a good place to play
'Cause the party was already under wayBut all of a sudden the lights went low
And everybody made straight for the front door
Man, I was so scared I didn't know where to go
I stood right there, then I fell on the floorIt was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawn
It was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawnNow the women were screamin' and jumpin' and yellin'
The bottles was flyin' and the fish was smellin'

And way up above all the noise they made
Somebody hollered, "Better get out of here, this is a raid!"I didn't know we was breakin' the law
But somebody reached over and hit me on the jaw
They had us blocked off from the front to the back
And they was puttin' 'em in the wagon like potato sacksIt was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawn
It was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawnI knew I could get away if I had a chance
But I was shakin' like I had the St. Vitus dance
Now I tried to crawl under a bathtub
When the policeman said, "Where you goin' there, bub?"Now they got us out of there like a house afire
Put us all in that Black Maria
Now, they might have missed a pitiful few
But they got poor me and my buddy tooIt was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawn
It was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawnWe headed for jail in a dazed condition
They booked each one of us on suspicion
Now my chick came down and went for my bail
And finally got me out of that rotten jailNow if you ever want to get a fist in your eye
Just mention a Saturday night fish fry
I don't care how many fish in the sea
But don't ever mention a fish to meIt was rockin', it was rockin'
You never seen such scufflin' and shufflin' 'til the break of dawn
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