PRAY FOR THE LIGHTS TO GO OUT

A NEGRO SHOUTING SONG

THAT NEW "BALLIN' THE JACK" SONG

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Pray For The Lights To Go Out

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TILL READY

Father was a deacon in a hard shell church, Way down
Father tried to quieten down his lovin' flock, Call'd on

South where I was born;
all the saints above;

People used to come to church from
All that he could hear way down there

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alleluia com-ing on
just then some body got up turn'd the
get up turn'd on the light,
he feels him-self a slip-pin' grabs the

lights all out
And you ought to heard that sister shout.
first gal near
And she sings this sweet song in his ear.

CHORUS
She hol-lered Broth-er,
if you want to spread joy,
just

pray for the lights to stay out.
She called on
miles around, just to hear the Holy work go
in the dark, was baby, Honey turtle

on, Father grabs a sister 'round the
dove. Deacon grabs his bible firmly

neck and says, Sister, won't you sing this
in his hand, Pray'd to be show'd wrong from

song. The sister tells the deacon that she didn't have time, Felt re-
right. Just then as if his prayers were answered from above, Someone

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Deacon, for to kneel and pray, You ought to heard that sister shout. Throw’d up both hands and got way back, Took two steps forward

ball’d the Jack, She hol-lered Broth-er, if you want to spread joy, Just

pray for the lights to {stay} out. She hol-lered out.