

Hound Dog (with selected "Answer" songs)

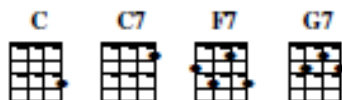
by Jerry Lieber and Mike Stoller, first recorded by "Big Mama" Thornton in 1952.

Best known version, of course, is 1956 recording by Elvis Presley

"Hound Dog" would eventually become one of the most litigated songs in recorded music history; a lawsuit filed in 1953 over one answer record in particular would force Sun Records owner, Sam Phillips, to the brink of filing bankruptcy and finally to the decision to sell his contract with Elvis Presley to RCA

12 Bar Blues

Key of C



Chorus

| C | C | | C | C7
 You ain't nothing but a hound dog, been snoopin' round my door.____
 | F7 | F7 | | C | C
 You ain't nothing but a hound dog, been snoopin' round my door.____
 | G7 | F7 | | C | C |
 You can wag your tail, (but I) ain't gonna feed you no more.____

Verse

| C | C | | C | C7
 You told me you was high - classed, but I can see through that.
 | F7 | F7 | | C | C
 Yes, you told me you was high - classed, but I can see through that.
 | G7 | F7 | | C | C |
 And daddy I know, (you) ain't no real cool cat.____

Bear Cat - Rufus Thomas

*Well, you ain't nothin' but a bear cat, been scratching at my door.
 You ain't nothin' but a bear cat, been scratching at my door.
 You can purr pretty kitty, but I ain't gonna rub you no more.*
 Well, you said you was a long hair, but I can see through that.
 You said you was a long hair, but I can see through that.
 And mama, I know, you're just an old bear cat.
 Well, you made me feel so mean, made me moan and groan.
 You made me feel so mean, made me moan and groan.
 You ain't wantin' no man, you're just lookin' for an old soup bone.

Rattlesnake - John Brim

*Well, you ain't nothin' but a rattlesnake, come crawling round my door.
 You ain't nothin' but a rattlesnake, come crawling round my door.
 You rattle your tail, you ain't gonna bite me no more.*
 They told me you was out there, but I couldn't see your face.
 They told me you was out there, but I couldn't see your face.
 I could hear you baby, baby when you rattled your tail.
 Well, you make me feel so blue, you make me weep and moan
 you done made me feel so mean, made me moan and groan.
 You ain't lookin' for a young man, just lookin' for a home

She Called Me a Hound Dog - Jimmy Wilson

*She called me a hound dog, but I found myself a home.
 She called me a hound dog, but I found myself a home.
 Got all the meat I want, don't have to gnaw your bone.*
 I went snoopin' down an alley, myself, alone. A hopin'
 somebody would throw out a bone.
 I find a girlfriend out the back, she said, I found me a hound I
 really do like,
 I found myself a home. I found myself a home.
 Got all the meat I want, don't have to gnaw your bone.
 She said, "Stay right here, till I get back. I'm gonna take you
 home in my Cadillac.
 We'll let down the top, and ride in style. I want you to wag your
 tail, and howl a little while
 I found myself a home. I found myself a home.
 Got all the meat I want, don't have to gnaw your bone.

Mr. Hound Dog's In Town - Roy Brown

Hey everybody! Mr. Hound Dog's in town! I'm here to stop the
 lie that gals done spread around! She said, I ain't
 "Nuthin' but a hound dog, just snooping round the door."
 "nuthin' but a hound dog, just snooping round the door."
 You used up all my love, now you don't want me no more.
 I was nuthin' but a hound dog, a walkin' in the rain.
 No ___ nuthin' but a hound dog, just walkin' in the rain.
 You called out, "Daddy, come and ease my awful pain!"
 You said, "Mr. Hound Dog. Want to speak to you."
 "Please ___ hurry Mr. Hound Dog. Want to speak to you."
 I ain't had no lovin'. And its got me feelin' blue.
 I ain't nuthin' but a hound dog, but I'm a mighty, mighty man.
 Ain't nuthin' but a hound dog, but I'm a mighty, mighty man.
 If you want my time, lay the cash down in my hand.
 I ain't nuthin' but a hound dog, just snooping round the door.
 No ___ nuthin' but a hound dog, just snooping round the door.
 You used up all my love, now you don't want me no more.