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Howlin' Wolf – The Back Door Man (1991)



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In southern culture, the phrase "back-door man" refers to a man having an affair with a married woman, using the back door as an exit before the husband comes home."When everybody trying to sleep, I'm somewhere making my midnight creep. / Every morning the rooster crow, something tell me I got to go / I am a back door man", Wolf sings. The promiscuous "back-door man" is a standard theme found in many blues, including those by Charley Patton, Lightnin' Hopkins, Blind Willie McTell and Sara Martin: "every sensible woman got a back-door man," Martin wrote in "Strange Loving Blues" (1925). Robert Plant references the Dixon song in Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love" (1968): "Shake for me girl, I want to be your back-door man." The phrase "back-door man" dates from the 1920s, but the term became a double entendre in the 1960s, also meaning "one who practices anal intercourse.

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