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Candy Man

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Candy man been here and gone
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Candy man, salty dog,
If you can't be my Candy man you can't be my salty dog.

Candy man, candy man,
Candy man, fattin hog,
Candy man, Santa Claus,
If you can't be my candy man, can't be my fattin hog.

Candy man, candy man,
Candy man, been here and gone,
Candy man, salty dog,
I wish I was in New Orleans, sitting on the candy stand.

Run get the pitcher, get the baby some beer, (6X)
I'd give anything in this god almighty world
To get my Candy man home.

Candy man, salty dog,
Candy man, fattin hog,
Candy man, salty dog,
If you can't be my Candy man
You can't be my man at all.

note: There's been a whole lot of discussion as to what "salty dog" means (candy man seems fairly obvious). Lomax states that in roughly translates to "outstanding individual." In Brooklyn, back in the 40s, it meant oral sex. RG

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