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# Louisiana Creole Music

This record gives a sampling of the older remaining styles of black creole music from the prairies of Lower Louisiana, such as it was played at the beginning of this century and until the coming of Zydeco (a modern style which will not be treated here).

According to the strict dictionary definition, a CREEOLE is a person of pure white blood born in a country inhabited by blacks. In the course of time, the french-speaking, catholic blacks of lower Louisiana adopted the word "creole" and applied it among themselves as a term of praise.

The black creole's colour, his past, his culture and his life distinguish him from his Cajun neighbors. He has assumed many traits of the Louisiana French, practicing their religion and speaking their language but he still shows some vestigial traces of his african background. His social standing remains inferior to that of his white counterpart. He is a small share-cropper or manual laborer in the fields and is employed for the most arduous and the least rewarding work. Music and dance occupy a very important place in his life.

Louisiana black creole music ranges from gentle music to the blues.

Lighter-complexioned musicians play a softer, more structured music with polite words which sounds more or less like that of their Cajun neighbors (for whom they often played), while darker ones treat their black audience with their own sound : boisterous, bluesy, erotic and full of the characteristic african drive.

In fact, one could speak more of a distinct sound (wild or polite) than of a distinct repertoire : some like Fremont Fontenot or Etienne Lewis will render waltzes and two-steps in a bluesy style, while others like Eraste Carrière will play a blues strictly following the structure of the dance. In the same way, Carrière will play a version of the melody precisely, while Lewis will make use of abundant improvisation to enrich it.

In the black creole community, the women are the primary carriers of the solo vocal and story telling tradition. The men are the players of instrumental music, using song words chiefly as an embellishment to the dance tunes.

Because in the past this music was rarely played for more than family and close neighbors, a solo musician usually would be sufficient for a house dance : one fiddler, one accordion player. (It is interesting to note that according to one very plausible theory, the accordion - later used extensively in cajun music - was first used in the region by black creoles who invented a bluesy cross-key technique).

Occasionally two musicians played together: an accordion was sometimes backed by a washboard or by an "os de bétaille," a mule's jaw struck in rhythm, or even by a triangle. The accordion could also be accompanied by a fiddle.

Vocal techniques (pitch, hollers, free improvisation of words on domestic subjects) were only slightly similar to that of the neighboring cajuns.

The repertoire preserved white nineteen century dances from the West Indies and early Louisiana adapted to their styles : contredanse, valse, mazurka, and "modern" american dances : one-step, two-step, dixieland, shoo-fly, blues.

INEZ CATALON was born in 1913. She lives in the village of KAPLAN. She knows a large number of old ballads, tales, ditties, lullabies of Plantation times.

ERASTE CARRIÈRE was born in 1901. He lives in MALLET, just outside the village of LAWTELL.

"My parents lived in Prairie Ronde ; that's where I was born and brought up. Then they moved to Plaquemine where I met my wife. Afterwards, we came to live here in Mallet."

My popa Ernest Carrière played accordion too; my old uncles were all good accordion players: in the evenings, they sat on the front porch and played music, passing time away. The first to play accordion was the black. I heard my late popa tell them story often : there were very few white folks who could play it then.

In the old days, they danced these country dances and mazurkas too . Country dances were danced by fours : I loved to watch them ; I was still a kid you know, but sometimes my uncles would take me along to a house-dance.

Afterwards these old dances became more and more remote and then, when the new dances came out, they forgot the country dances, they danced them no more.

I played many house-dances in my youth: I played for the white and for my colour too. Over there in Prairie Ronde there was just one white player and they couldn't have him every time, so these white folks came and asked for me. They gave dances on saturday nights, on sunday afternoons and sometimes during the week. They came early to the ball and didn't stop dancing. By eleven or eleven thirty when they grew tired, they asked me to play "Home sweet home" and it was all through. The black danced later at night. Very often it was over midnight when the dance broke. They loved to dance, oh yes they did."

FREMONT FONTENOT was born in 1900. He lives on a farm in BASILE. He can play many early dances learnt from friends like Dego BILKIN, Menthol GHILLORY or relatives like ADAM FONTENOT.

"I started playing accordion in 1914 but I didn't catch the whole thing before sixteen and then I went on until I got married. I'm like K'Adam Fontenot : I can't sing, just cry sometimes ."

BEE FONTENOT , Fremont's brother was born in 1907. He died in 1973 . He was a share-cropper and lived in BASILE. His son, RAY FONTENOT plays triangle here with Frémont Fontenot.

### JE SUIS UN HOMME D'UNE GRANDE FAMILLE

Je suis un homme d'une grande famille  
Madame je suis venu vous trouver  
Je suis venu vous d'mander votre fille  
Si voulez m'la donner  
Ah que je l'aime d'amour aussi tendre  
Mais qu'je la trouve jolie comme un cœur  
Acceptez moi pour votre gendre  
Je suis venu y faire son bonheur  
  
Ah mon ami ma fille est maligne  
J'aimerais pas que vous l'attrap'rez  
Elle me casse mes plats, ma vaisselle  
Que les morceaux n'ont pas de valeur  
Voila c'est moi la plus adroite  
Vouli prenez moi, vous faites pour le mieux  
  
Voila vot' tête qui vous grisonne  
Vous n'avez pas plus qu'une dent  
Mon amitié c'est pour votre fille  
Vouli bonne vieille femme a rien qu'est pour vous

I'm a man of high society  
Madam I came to see you  
I came to ask you for your daughter  
If you want to give her to me  
Ah I love her so tenderly  
She looks so pretty and so sweet  
Accept me for your son-in-law  
I came to give her happiness

Ah my friend my daughter is malicious  
I wouldn't want you to have her  
She breaks my plates and dishes  
And the pieces are worthless  
Here I am very capable  
Yes take me, you'll do better

Look at your hair which is graying  
You only have one tooth left  
My love is for your daughter  
Yes old woman, there's nothing for you

### LA VALSE A DÉFUNT THÉODORE DÉJEAN

Gardez donc mon tit bébé  
Tout ça j'ai passé  
Gardez donc y où tu m'as mis  
Non non, mais il est pas tuned  
Tu m'as mis dans les misères  
Gardez donc quoi t'as fait

Look here, my li'l baby  
All that I bore  
Look at what you did  
No, no my fiddle is not tuned  
You put me in misery  
Look at what you did to me

J'ai miséré pour t'aider  
 J'ai fait tout ça moi j'ai pu  
 Aujourd'hui j'suis misérable  
 Gardez donc mon tit bébé  
 Quoi faire faut j'arrête de jouer  
 C'est parc'que tu vas mett' ta main  
 Dans ma figure et m'dire faut qu'j'arrête  
 Tit bébé quoi moi j'ai dit ?  
 Quoi j'ai fait pour t'faire du mal ?  
 T'après montrer au public  
 Tout ça t'après faire avec moi

### INTERVIEW OF ÉRASTE CARRIÈRE

Mais mon premier accordéon, j'avais à l'entour dans les douze, treize ans; mon papa m'avait acheté un tit accordéon des années passées aux Opélousas et les accordéons étaient bon marché, c'était un tout petit accordéon, il avait payé ça six escalins j'crois, oui c'est ça, six escalins; et j'ai commencé à jouer après ça là, essayer d'apprendre, j'ai go head et là ça été comme ça quequ'années; et là y m'en a acheté un un peu plus fort; et c'est comme ça j'ai commencé. Vous connaît, des années passées, y n'y avait pas tous ces joueurs blancs comme à c't'heure là : ha ben, j'jouais un tas des bals de maison pour les blancs, mais c'était pas comme à c't'heure non, whoua ! j'avais pas d'bass et ni pas rien non, j'm'assisais, là en haut, moi tout seul, à force des bras, mais à c't'heure, ça force plus pour jouer des bals, non non !

### CONTREDANSE & SHOEFLY SWING

Eraste Carrrière: Il'a y en a manière perdu !  
 Là, à c't'heure y a un aut' bout' qui va en haut, y z'app'laient ça la shoefly swing; ça c'était la finition de la contredanse.

### BONJOUR LA BONNE ANNÉE

Bonjour la bonne année, la bonne et heureuse année . J'veux la souhaite belle et heureuse et l'paradis à la fin d'vos jours !

### JE VOIS LA LUNE BELLE ET LONGUE

Tu vois, quand la lune est nouvelle, nouvelle lune, tu dis :  
 Je vois la lune belle et longue  
 Saint Laurent beauté  
 Qui m'appelle à sa chapelle  
 Charité, paradis quand j'vas mourir  
 And the new moon .

I suffered to help you  
 I did all I could  
 Today I am unhappy

Look here, my li'll baby  
 Why should I stop playing ?  
 It's because you are going to put your hand  
 On my face and tell me to stop  
 Li'll baby what did I say ?  
 What did I do to harm you ?  
 You are showing to the audience  
 All the troubles you give me

Well my first accordion, I had it when I was about twelve, thirteen years; my papa bought me a small accordion of the old days in Opelousas and the accordions were cheap then, it was a very small accordion, he paid it six escalins ( \$ 1.50 ) I think, yes that's it, six escalins; and I began to play then, tried to learn and I went on like that for a few years; and then he got me a bigger one and that's how I started.

You know, in years past, there were not many white players like today : so I played a lot of house dances for the white folks, but it was not like today, no whow ! I didn't have a bass or anything  
 no, I sat on a chair on top of a table, working the bellows all alone, by the strength of my arms, but today, it is not so tiring to play dances, no no !

I sort of got lost !  
 Now there is an other bit which goes at the end, they called it shoefly swing, that was the end of the country dance.

Welcome to the new year, the new and happy year.  
 I wish you good luck and happiness and heaven when you die.

You see, when the moon is new, new moon,  
 you say:  
 I see the moon beautiful and long  
 Saint Laurent beauty  
 Who calls me to his chapel  
 Charity, paradise when I die  
 And the new moon .

## EN ALLANT A MON LIT

En allant à mon lit, j'ai rencontré quatre  
(r)âmes, quatre âmes,  
Deux au pied et deux à la tête  
Et Jésus au milieu  
J'ai pris la Sainte Vierge pour ma mère,  
Saint Jean vous avez pas vu mon p'tit fils Jésus?  
Oui je l'oi vu les deux pieds cloués,  
Les deux bras étendus et l'côté ouvert.  
Celui qui dira cette (o)raison là trois fois,  
Soir et matin,  
Ne verra jamais la flamme de l'enfer .

## BONNE NUIT MAM

Now the house is empty, but when we were all together, each one would go to bed, disait:  
Bonne nuit Mam, bonne nuit Blanche, bonne nuit Rina, bonne nuit!  
Bonne nuit, merci ton père et moi!  
C'était une prière qui finissait plus. Tout que 'qu'un disait, you know:  
Good night! Bonne nuit Mam, bonne nuit Pap!  
The two comes first. Là, bonne nuit à tous les autres. Et ça répondait : merci ton père et moi !  
Aujourd'hui ça s'couche farce, ça s'lève bourriquet!

## MARDI GRAS (1916)

In the days before Lent the white and black alike celebrated their traditional Mardi Gras. Many farmhouses of the prairies were visited by gangs of masked men: those were friendly neighbors "running Mardi Gras" on foot, on horse-back or in buggies. They were having fun and at the same time "begging" for chickens and rice for a big Mardi Gras ball and gumbo Feast.

Oui mon cher et comarade !

Mardi Gras tu marron v'la tir !

Tit Galop, quand même tit poule, la charité !

## J'ENDORS MON PETIT

A woman is waiting for her "beau" to come, but her husband has unexpectedly stayed at home. So she sings a lullaby as a signal to her lover at the door:

J'endors mon petit, mon mari  
J'endors mon petit !  
Qu'il cogne mais qu'il gratte  
Mon mari est là  
Il n'a pas été z'à la compagnie  
J'endors mon petit, mon mari  
J'endors mon petit !

Le pauv'vieux est couché là bas, y connaît pas :  
-Quoi c'que tu ramonches donc la vieille ?  
J'endors mon petit, mon mari  
J'endors mon petit !

On my way to bed, I met four souls

Two at the foot and two at the head  
And Jesus in the middle  
I took the holly virgin for my mother  
Saint Jean have you seen my little son Jesus ?  
Yes I saw him the two feet nailed,  
his two arms extended and his side open  
Whoever will say this prayer three times  
Evening and morning,  
Will never see the flames of hell .

Now the house is empty, but when we were all together, each one would go to bed saying:  
Good night Mam, good night Blanche, good night Rina, good night !

Good night, Your father and I thank you !  
It was an endless prayer.

Each one said, you know:

Good night ! Good night Mam, Good night Pap !  
The two come first. Then good night to all the others. And my parents replied: Your father and I thank you ! Today, they go to bed as fools and rise as asses !

Yes my dear friend and comrade !

?????????

Canter, give us a small chicken for charity !

I rock my baby to sleep, my husband  
I rock my baby to sleep !  
Stop knocking and scraping,  
My husband is in  
He did not go out with his friends

I rock my baby to sleep, my husband  
I rock my baby to sleep !

The poor old man is lying there, knowing nothing:

-What are you mumbling old woman ?

I rock my baby to sleep, my husband  
I rock my baby to sleep !

## COURTE DANSE & SHOEFLY

Frémont Fontenot : Une courte danse ? Ca, ça se danse par paire : quatre ou huit ou douze ou seize ! Non, non, I know, connais ça, j'connais ça ! Ca c'est pas dansé attrapé non, c'est dansé par paire. Tu peux pas danser à trois, tu peux pas danser à cinq, faut tu dances par paire, by the four, by the eight, by the twelve, yea !

Yes sir ! Yes sir !

( Frémont explained that the dancers sang "Yes sir !" as they turned )

Après celle-là, là nous z'aut' on dansait le shoefly, shoefly un peu brute, rude, Aubrey, tu t' rappelles ? I'll be damned !

## MAZURKA "SOLEIL APRÈS LEVER"

Frémont Fontenot: C'est tout ça moi j'ai connu, la Mazurka "Soleil après lever, la lune après coucher" ou bien "Soleil après coucher, la lune après lever, ouais!" C'est tout ça moi j'ai connu; elle parle comme ça, voir c'y dit :

Soleil après coucher  
La lune après lever

Mil neuf cent dix huit, j'ai appris c'te valse !

## LA PORTE DE LA PRISON

Oh j'ai parti  
Qu'y m'ont mis dans la prison  
Pauv' j'ai marché de prison comme d'jonglé  
Ooh mom, moi j'suis pas d'l'auteur  
De tout ça qu'arrivé

Y m'ont condamné  
Uh y m'ont condamné à la corde  
Mais ma pauv' vieille moman  
Moi j'suis pas l'auteur de ça  
C'est pas moi qu'arrivé

Oh ma pauv' vieille moman  
Elle s'a mis dans la porte  
D'la prison m'a r'gardé  
Elle m'a dit "mon garçon  
T'es parti, j'connais pas jamais t'aurais été  
Dans les torts comme ça

Tout ce j'y ai dit  
J'ai dit à ma vieille moman  
D'mande à tes amis  
Pour t'aider et prier pour moi  
Pour sauver mon âme de les flammes de l'enfer

Freeman Fontenot : A country dance ? You dance it in pairs : four or height or twelve or sixteen ! I know how, I know how ! In this dance, you can't hold the ladies, no, it is danced in pairs. You can't dance by threes, you can't dance by fives, only in pairs, by the four, by the eight, by the twelve, yea !

Yes sir ! Yes sir !

( Frémont explained that the dancers sang "Yes sir !" as they turned )

Afterwards, we danced the shoefly, shoefly a little rough and rowdy, Aubrey, do you remember ? I'll be damned !

Freeman Fontenot: That's all I know of the Mazurka "the sun rises, the moon sets" or "the sun sets, the moon rises" yea ! That's all I know of it : it speaks like this, let's hear what it has to say :

The sun sets  
The moon rises

Nineteen eighteen, I learnt that waltz then !

Oh I left  
They put me in jail  
Poor me, I walked to the prison, thinking  
Ooh mom, I'm not the author  
Of all that happened

They sentenced me  
They sentenced me to death by hanging  
But, poor old mama  
I'm not the author  
Of what happened

Oh my poor old mama  
She stood at the prison gate  
Looking at me  
She said "my boy  
You left, I never thought before  
That you could be in trouble like that

All I could say  
Could say to my old mama was  
Ask your friends  
To help you and pray for me  
To save my soul from the flames of hell

I found interesting to include here three versions (B1 - B5 - B10) based on the song "La porte de la prison". According to Bee Fontenot, this tune was composed by a friend of his, "Défunt Douglas". This "late Douglas" had been sentenced for having shot a man who was stealing chickens in his yard. Tony Russell, noted english discographer, gives an interesting idea :

" You know that song La porte de la prison : Fontenot talks about the writer being a black musician called Douglas. Also, in an interview with Dennis Mc Gee and Sady Courville, they refer to a "bad nigger" called Douglas who poisoned Amédée Ardoin ! I have a record on tape made in 1929 by a Douglas Bellar, La Valse La Prison, which I think is the same song. I guess this might be the very same Douglas. The record by Bellar certainly sounds like a black musician, in which case, Amédée Ardoin was not the only black musician to record French music in the early days."

### HEY TITE MAMA

Hey tite mama

T'as pu voir comme toi-même

Aussi loin d'la maison toi tite fille

Pour marcher à la maison

Hey guette là-bas toi tite fille

Mais moi j'ai r'joins pour aller

Mais j'ves m'en aller z'à pied

### SOLEIL EST PROCHE COUCHÉ

Soleil est proche couché

Mon nègre est pas arrivé

Couche couche après brûler

Caillette est pas tirée

Vas voir quelle heure il est

### DU PAPIER DANS MON SOULIER

A paper in my shoes

Du papier dans mon soulier

C'est pas la peine tu m'fais du mal !

### J'AI PRIS MON CH'MIN

J'ai pris mon ch'min et moi j'ai été

Cogner à la porte, j'ai fait "tite dame"

Oh voui j'ai dit, quand l'a ouvert la porte

J'ai dit "tite dame", priez pour moi

J'suis condamné pour les flammes d'enfer

Oh voui tite dame, priez pour moi

J'ai été partout et j'ai d'mandé

Personne a v'nu pour voir à moi

J'suis condamné pour les flammes d'enfer

Pas m'y braille, y z'ont peur de v'nir

J'suis condamné, m'ont condamné à la corde

J'ves sortir un jour qui vient

### HEY CATIN

Hey catin, et où moi j'ves aller dimanche?

Oh catin, pour à jamais t'es moin ?

Hey li'll mama

You could see it by yourself

You are too far from home, you li'll girl

To walk back home

Hey look here you li'll girl

I'm on my way to go

I'll walk to you

The sun goes down

My man is not back

The mush is burning

The cow is not milked

Go see what time it is

A paper in my shoes

Paper in my shoe

It's no use to hurt me !

I started on my way

And knocked at the door, crying "Li'll lady"

Oh yes I said when she opened the door

"Li'll lady, pray for me "

I'm doomed to the flames of hell

Oh yes, li'll lady, pray for me

I walked around and asked

If anyone come to see me

I'm doomed to the flames of hell

I shouldn't cry, they are afraid to come

I have been sentenced to death by hanging

I'll go out some day to come

Hey, doll, where can I go on sunday ?

Hey, doll, why are you never with me ?

## LES DEUX COUSINES

Fremont Fontenot is sitting on the gallery of his house. He is surrounded by his family.

Frémont: Là j'vas jouer les deux cousins à c't' heure!

Alexandrine (his god-child): Alright!

Alexandrine: C'est pas une chanson ça?

Frémont: Les deux cousins!

A: les deux cousins, mais tu dis rien pour la cousinne!

F: (rire) ouais, moi le dis pas, la musique le dit!

A: Qu'qu'chose vous pouvez dire pour cousinne!

F: ouais.

Freeman: I will play now the two cousins!

Alexandrine (his god-child): alright!

A: isn't it a song?

F: the two cousins !

A: the two cousins, but you say nothing for the cousinne !

F: (laughing) yea, I say nothing, the music tells it!

A: you could say something for your cousinne!

F: yea.

## TIT POULET

Alexandrine: Jouez que'qu'chose qui saute!

Frémont: qui saute?

A: Joe Pitre et nana !

F: (rire) on va jouer d'aut'choses

A: tu connais Joe Pitre et nana ?

F: Non, moi j'joue plus ça; on va jouer le tit poulet.

Oh ho ho !

Tit poulet ! Tit poulet !

Alexandrine: Play something jumpy !

Freeman: Jumpy ?

A: Joe Pitre et Nana !

F: (laughing) we'll play something else

A: You don't know Joe Pitre et Nana

F: no, I don't play it any longer; we'll play li'll chicken.

Oh ho ho !

Li'll chicken ! Li'll chicken !

## DIXIELAND

Oh Dixieland! Oh my Dixieland!

Hey Dixieland! Oh Dixieland!

Frémont Fontenot: Mille neuf cent dix neuf! J'avais dix-neuf ans quand j'ai appris "Dixieland", je me rappelle ça bien; j'ai appris ça avec défunt Amédée euh, Cadam, Cadam Fontenot: on était parents moi et lui. C'était pas un chanteur, donc, mais quand y prenait l'accordéon, look at, look at, look at!

Freeman Fontenot: Nineteen nineteen! I was nineteen when I learnt "Dixieland", I remember it well; I learnt that with late Amédée, no, K'adam, K'adam Fontenot: we were relatives. He was not a singer, but when he played accordion, look at, look at, look at!

## LES BLUES DE LA PRISON

Oh comment j'vais faire t-y ?

J'étais gone pour aller

Juste pour voir mon ami

I'y m'ont ramassé

M'ont mis dans la prison

J'ai miséré tout là

Juste pour eux et pour tout vous autres

Que'qu'un de mes amis

Pour v'nir voir à moi

Moi j'croyais

J'aurais eu que'qu'un

Qui s'rait v'nu voir à moi

Quand même un d'mes frères

Ou un d'mes soeurs, d'mes amis

Ca v'nait pas!

Oh what can I do now ?

I was on my way

Just to see my friend

When they picked me up

and put me in jail

I was in trouble there

Just by their fault and by yours

I wish some of my friends

would come and see me

I thought

that someone

would have come and see me

Even one of my brothers

or sisters, or one of my friends

They would not come!

*Nous on est ici perdu  
Pour qu'qu'chose j'ai pas rien fait*

Z'une aut' chose moi j'ai vu  
C'est quand ma pauv' vieille moman  
Est v'nu s'planter dans la porte d'la prison  
Tout ça j'ai pu faire  
C'était y dire "Ma pauv' vieille moman  
Prie donc pour moi  
Pour sauver mon âme de les flammes de l'enfer."

Etienne Lewis: Pourquoi t'as arrêté? Qui n'y n'a?  
Lynn Dozart: Pas rien, Charley me donne envie de ri-  
re!

## BULLY JACK

Okey, j'veux jouer Bully Jack, j'veux jouer une valse  
vieux back time!

Bully Jack ici, Bully Jack là-bas !

Here we are, lost  
For something I did not do

An other thing I saw  
When my poor old mama  
Came and stood at the prison gate  
All I could do  
Was to tell her 'My poor old mama  
Pray for me

Etienne Lewis: Why did you stop? What's up?  
Lynn Dozart: Nothing, Charley makes me laugh!

Okay, I will play Bully Jack; I will play a waltz of the old days!

Bully Jack here, Bully Jack there!

Hey, doll, where can I go?  
Hey, doll, why are you sad?  
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