

“Knockin’ on Your Screen Door”
by John Prine
from the album *The Tree of Forgiveness*

Capo on 2nd fret

[Intro]

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[Verse]

I ain't got nobody	hangin' 'round my doorstep.
Ain't got no loose change	just a-hangin' round my jeans.
If you see somebody,	would you send 'em over my way?
I could use some help here	with a can of pork and beans.

[Verse]

I once had a family,	but they up and left me
with nothin' but an 8-track,	“Another Side of George Jones”.
I was in high cotton,	just a bangin' on my six string,
A-kickin' at the trash can,	walkin' skin and bones.

[Chorus]

I can see your back porch	if I close my eyes now.
I can hear the train tracks	through the laundry on the line.
I'm thinkin' it's your business,	but you don't got to answer
I'm knockin' on your screen door	in the summertime.

[Instrumental]

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[Verse]

Everybody's out there	climbin' on the trees now,
Swingin' in the breeze now,	hanging on the vine.
I'm dreamin' 'bout a sailboat.	I don't need a fur coat.
Underneath the dashboard,	got some sweet potato wine.

[Chorus]

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