

Roll Jordan Roll

As sung by Fred Smith in 1997)

Roll Jor-dan roll Roll Jor-dan roll. I want to go to Hea-ven when I die, to

7 hear old Jor-dan Roll. Oh bro-ther you ought to've been there Yes, my Lord

13 Sit-ting in the King-dom to hear old Jor-dan roll. Roll, Jor-dan roll, roll, roll

19 Roll, Jor-dan roll I want to go to hea-ven when I die to hear old Jor-dan roll.

Oh Mothers (Fathers) You ought to've been there
Yes My Lord
Sitting in the Kingdom
To hear old Jordan Roll

Roll, Jordon roll, roll roll
Roll, Jordan Roll
I want to go to Heaven when I die
To hear old Jordan Roll

Fred Smith (1909-2007) was the grandson of a fugitive slave who settled in Oxford County in the days before the American Civil War. He lived Innerkip and Woodstock over the years. Fred was well-known as a Gospel singer, a lay preacher and a herb doctor. Here he sings his version of the spiritual "Roll Jordan Roll". Recorded at the Norwich & District Museum by Evan Gordon and Ian Bell in 1997.