

Informant: Dan Snodgrass, age 22, of St. Louis, MO

Collector: Edward Jordan, age 21, of Elmhurst, IL

Title: "Ketchup and Liquor"

Genre: Joke "Invaluable indices of the values and identity of a social group" (see Brunvand, Jan, ed. 1996. *American Folklore: An Encyclopedia*. New York: Garland Pub. Pgs. 250-251.)

Folk Group: Teenagers, young adults

Collection/Typical Context: Dan does not exactly remember the time period that this joke was told to him. He believes that he was told this joke during high school. The joke includes a sexual innuendo, so the typical context is when teenagers are in a group without an adult present.

Transcription:

"What did you eat for breakfast?"

Answer: "Ketchup and liquor"

"What did you eat for lunch?"

Answer: "Ketchup and liquor"

What would you do if you saw Jane Doe?

Answer: "Ketchup and liquor"

Commentary: This joke includes a punch line in which the person being told the joke needs to understand the sexual innuendo. Also, it seems that the only people that would tell this joke would be males because of the sexual undertone of "liquor" and the fact that it applies to females. No version of this joke can be found to include males in the punch line.