

# JUCA

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Juca foi autuado em flagrante  
Como meliante  
Pois sambava bem diante  
Da janela de Maria  
Bem no meio da alegria  
A noite virou dia

O seu luar de prata  
Virou chuva fria  
A sua serenata  
Não acordou Maria.

Juca ficou desapontado  
Declarou ao delegado  
Não saber se amor é crime  
Ou se samba é pecado  
En legitima defesa  
Batucou assim na mesa  
O delegado é bamba  
Na delegacia  
Mas nunca fêz samba  
Nunca viu Maria *[repeat last four lines]*

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Juca was arrested for dancing,  
It was part of his romancing,  
Serenading his Maria,  
Who was finding it entrancing.  
Two policemen, reconnoitering,  
Decided he was loitering.

Outside the shops  
Along that street in Rio,  
He tried to get the cops  
To make the act a trio.

Juca was a little disgusted  
When they took him into custod-  
Y -- He said, "Now just for dancing  
Can a guy get busted?"  
His defense was very short:  
He did a samba in the court,  
And yet the judge said "Guilty! Why, the very idea!"  
But he hadn't danced in years and never met Maria.  
Juca said, "It sure would be a great idea  
If judges learned to dance,  
And if they met my Maria."