

Hangin' Tough

(Girl, Jordan Knight Believes in You)

Here at the City Paper, we sometimes just aren't able to wrangle interviews with the world's über-busy pop stars. Since former New Kid on the Block Jordan Knight is so busy promoting his innuendo-ridden R&B tunes and his forthcoming role in a new European reality show — so busy, in fact, that he cancelled yet another scheduled concert for Charleston this week (his second in two months) — we decided to conjure his spirit using a few choice song lyrics.

CP So Jordan, I heard you had this thing for trashy brunette rockstar-wannabe Ryan Starr on VH1's *The Surreal Life*?

Jordan Knight: The first time was a great time, second time was a blast, the third time I fell in love, now I hope it lasts.

CP Er ... I hope it works out for you. I bet you miss your old NKOTB pals, especially now that you're doing a tour with everyone's favorite musicians from *O-Town* and *98 Degrees*.

JK: Don't worry 'bout nothing 'cause it won't take long. We're gonna put you in a trance with the funky song, yeah!

CP Umm ... I bet people are looking forward to that. Now you have a new single out, "Tender Love." Are you worried about poor album sales, like with your debut?

JK: I've cried so many times and that's no lie. It seems to make you laugh each time I cry.

CP I'm not laughing ... out loud. At least now that you're all grown up and sporting a wispy goatee, you probably get all of the ladies.

JK: It's creepin' around in my head, me holding you down in my bed. I can't wait to give you some; I'm convinced you need it.

CP I don't know what you want to give me, but I'm not gonna stick around to find out.

JK: Please don't go girl — you would ruin my whole world. Tell me you'll stay, never ever go away ... — *Shawnté Salabert*

Jordan Knight does NOT perform at the Plex on Fri. June 17. **CP**

