CABIN AND PLANTATION SONGS,

AS SUNG BY THE

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PREFACE TO MUSIC.

THE slave music of the South presents a field for research and study very extensive and rich, and one which has been scarcely more than entered upon.

There are evidently, I think, two legitimate methods of treating this music: either to render it in its absolute, rude simplicity, or to develop it without destroying its original characteristics; the only proper field for such development being in the harmony.

Practical experience shows the necessity, in some cases, of making compensation for its loss in being transplanted. Half its effectiveness, in its home, depends upon accompaniments which can be carried away only in memory. The inspiration of numbers; the overpowering chorus, covering defects; the swaying of the body; the rhythmical stamping of the feet; and all the wild enthusiasm of the negro campmeeting—these evidently can not be transported to the boards of a public performance. To secure variety and do justice to the music, I have, therefore, treated it by both methods. The most characteristic of the songs are left entirely or nearly untouched. On the other hand, the improvement which a careful bringing out of the various parts has effected in such pieces as "Some o' dese Mornin's," "Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard," "Dust an' Ashes," and "The Church ob God," which seemed especially susceptible to such development, suggests possibilities of making more than has ever yet been made out of this slave music.

Another obstacle to its rendering is the fact that tones are frequently employed which we have no musical characters to represent. Such, for example, is that which I have indicated as nearly as possible by the flat seventh, in "Great Campmeetin"," "Hard Trials," and others. These tones are variable in pitch, ranging through an entire interval on different occasions, according to the inspiration of the singer. They are rarely discordant, and often add a charm to the performance. It is of course impossible to explain them in words, and to those who wish to sing them, the best advice is that most useful in learning to pronounce a foreign language: Study all the rules you please; then—go listen to a native.

One reason for publishing this slave music is, that it is rapidly passing away. It may be that this people which has developed such a wonderful musical sense in its degradation will, in its maturity, produce a composer who could bring a music of the future out of this music of the past. At present, however, the freedmen have an unfortunate inclination to despise it, as a vestige of slavery; those who learned it in the old time, when it was the natural outpouring of their sorrows and longings, are dying off, and if efforts are not made for its preservation, the country will soon have lost this wonderful music of bondage.

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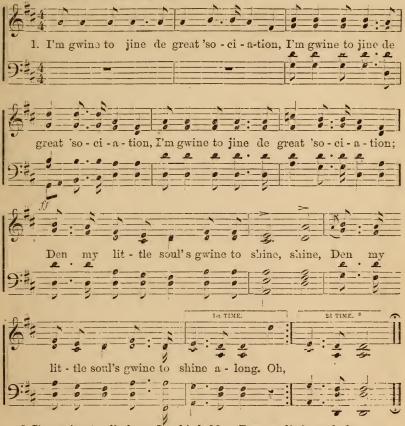
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NOTE.—The melodies in this book, with three exceptions—on pages 206, 245, 247—are published here for the first time, and these exceptions are themselves original in arrangement and effect. The words of the slave hymns are often common property through the South, sung to different tunes in different sections of the country.

CABIN AND PLANTATION SONGS.

Oh, den my little Soul's gwine to Shine.

"This was sung by a boy who was sold down South by his master; and when he parted from his mother, these were the words he sang."—J. H. Bailey.



- 2 I'm gwine to climb up Jacob's ladder, Den my little soul, &c.
- 3 I'm gwine to climb up higher and higher, Den my little soul, &c.
- 4 I'm gwine to sit down at the welcome table, Den my little soul, &c.
- 5 I'm gwine to feast off milk and honey, Den my little soul, &c.
- 6 I'm gwine to tell God how-a you sarved me, Den my little soul, &c.
- 7 I'm gwine to jine de big baptizin', Den my little soul, &c.

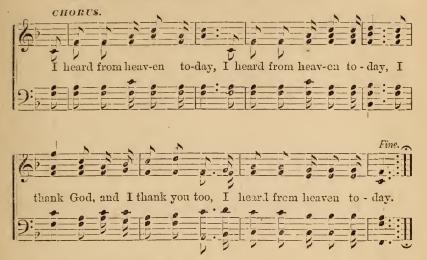
Peter, go Ring dem Bells.

"A secret prayer-meeting song, sung by Thomas Vess, a blacksmith and a slave. He especially sang it when any one confessed religion. Thomas Vess was a man whose heart was given to these songs, for in the neighborhood where he lived, it seemed like a prayer-meeting did not go on well without him. I have long since learned wherever he was known what happiness he got from them."

J. M. Waddy,



Peter, go Ring dem Bells.—Concluded.

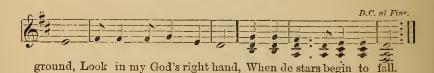


2 I wonder where sister Mary's gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
I wonder where sister Martha's gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
It's good news, and I thank God—
I heard from heaven to-day.
Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells—
I heard from heaven to-day.
Cho.—I heard from heaven, &c.

3 I wonder where brudder Meses gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
I wonder where brudder Daniel's gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
He's gone where Elijah has gone—
I heard from heaven to-lay;
Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells—
I heard from heaven to-day.
Сно.—I heard from heaven, &c.

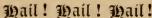
My Lord, what a Morning.

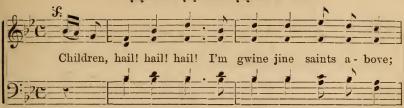




2 You'll hear de Christians shout, To wake, &c. Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c. You'll hear de angels sing, To wake, &c. Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c. Cho.—My Lord, what a morning, &c.

3 You'll see my Jesus come, To wake, &c.
Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c.
His chariot wheels roll round, To wake, &c.
Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c.
Сно.—Му Lord, what a morning, &c.





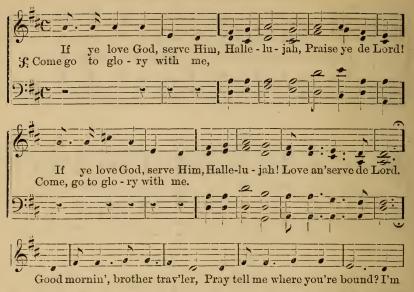


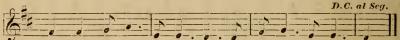


2 If you git dere before I do,
I'm on my journey home—
Look out for me—I'm comin' too;
I'm on my journey home.
Сно.—Children, hail, &c.

3 Oh, hallelujah to de Lamb!
I'm on my journey home;
King Jesus died for ebry man,
I'm on my journey home.
Сно.—Children, hail, &c..

Nove an' serve de Nord.





bound for Canaan's hap-py land, And de en-chant-ed ground.

2 Oh, when I was a sinner,
I liked my way so well;
But when I come to find out,
I was on de road to hell.

Сно.—I fleed to Jesus—Hallelujah! &c. Oh, Jesus received me, Hallelujah, &c.

3 De Father, He looked on de Son, and smiled, De Son, He looked on me; De Father. redeemed my soul from hell; An' de Son, He set me free.

Сно.—I shouted Hallelujah! Hallelujah, &c. I praised my Jesus, Hallelujah, &c.

4 Oh when we all shall get dere,
Upon dat-a heavenly sho',
We'll walk about dem-a golden streets,
An' nebber part no mo'.

Сно.—No rebukin' in de churches—Hallelujah, Ebery day be Sunday—Hallelujah, &c.

Swing low, sweet Chariot.



2 Oh de good ole chariot will take us all home, I don't want to leave me behind.

Cho.—Oh swing low, sweet chariot, &c.

My Bretheren, don't get Weary.



2 Oh whar you runnin', sinner? I do love de Lord—

De judgment day is a comin'!
I do love de Lord.

Сно.—My bretheren, &c.

3 You'll see de world on fire! I do love de Lord— You'll see de element a meltin', I do love de Lord. Сно.—Му bretheren, &с.

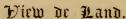
4 You'il see de moon a bleedin';
I do love de Lord—
You'll see the stars a fallin';
I do love de Lord.
Cho.—My bretheren, &c.

Nobody knows de trouble k'be Seen.

(This song was a favorite in the Sea Islands. Once when there had been a good deal of ill feeling excited, and trouble was apprehended, owing to the uncertain action of the Government in regard to the confiscated lands on the Sea Islands, Gen. Howard was called upon to address the colored people carnesty. To prepare them to listen, he asked them to sing. Immediately an old woman on the outskirts of the meeting began "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen," and the whole andience joined in. The General was so affected by the plaintive melody, that he found it difficult to maintain his official dignity.)



2 One day when I was walkin' along, Oh yes, Lord— De element opened, an' de Love came down, Oh yes, &c. I never shall forget dat day, Oh yes, &c. When Jesus washed my sins away, Oh yes, &c. Сно.—Oh, nobody knows de trouble I've seen, &c.





- 2 What kind o' shoes is dem-a you wear? View de land, &c. Dat you can walk upon de air? Go view, &c. Dem shoes I wear am de gospel shoes; View de land, &c. An' you can wear dem ef-a you choose; Go view, &c.—Cho.
- 3 Der' is a tree in Paradise; View de land, &c.
 De Christian he call it de tree ob life; Go view, &c.
 I spects to eat de fruit right off o' dat tree; View de land, &c,
 Ef busy old Satan will let-a me ba: Go view, &c.—Cho.
- 4 You say yer Jesus set-a you free: View de land, &c.
 Why don't you let-a your neighbor be? Go view, &c.
 You say you're aiming for de skies: View de land. &c.
 Why don't you stop-a your telling lies; Go view, &c.—Cho.



2 I had a little book, an I read it through, I got my Jesus as well as you;
I don' want to stay here no longer;
Oh I got a mother in de promised land,
I hope my mother will feed dem lambs;
I don' want to stay here no longer.
Cho.—Oh swing low, sweet chariot, &c.

3 Oh, some go to church for to holler an' shout,
Before six months dey're all turned out;
I don' want to stay here no longer.
Oh, some go to church for to laugh an' talk,
But dey knows nothin' bout dat Christian walk;
I don' want to stay here no longer.
Cho.—Oh, swing low, sweet chariot, &c.

4 Oh shout, shout, de deb'l is about;
Oh shut your do' an' keep him out;
I don' want to stay here no longer.
For he is so much-a like-a snaky in de grass,
Ef you don' mind he will get you at las',
I don' want to stay here no longer.

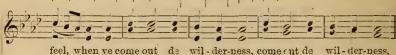
Сно.—Oh, swing low, sweet chariot, &c.

If ne want to see Jesus.

"My father sang this hymn, and said he knew a time when a great many slaves were allowed to have a revival for two days, while their masters and their families had one; and a great many professed religion. And one poor, ignorant man, professed religion, and praised God, and sang this hymn." Je - sus, Go wilderness, Go Ef ye want to see de de







- der-ness, happy when I come out de wil - der-ness, come out de w'1



come out de wil - der-ness. Oh brud-der, how d'ye feel when ve de wil - dor-ness. happy when I oome out felt 50



Ef pe want to see Jesus.—Concluded.



2 I shouted Hallelujah, when I come out de wilderness— Leanin' on de Lord:

Leanin' on de Lord;
I heard de angels singin', when I come out de wilderness—
Leanin' on de Lord;

I heard de harps a harpin,' when I come out de wilderness— Leanin' on de Lord.

Сно.—Oh, leanin' on de Lord.

3 I heard de angels moanin', when I come out de wilderness— Leanin' on de Lord;

Leanin' on de Lord;
I heard de deb'l howlin', when I come out de wilderness—
Leanin' on de Lord;

I gib de deb'l a battle, when I come out de wilderness— Leanin' on de Lord.

Сно.—Oh, leanin' on de Lord.



Oh. Drs.—Concluded.



Ef eber I land on de oder sho', Oh, yes, I'll nebber come here for to sing no mo',

Oh, yes; A golden band all round my waist, An' de palms ob vic-a-try in-a my hand, An' de golden slippers on to my feet, Gwine to walk up an' down o' dem golden

Сно.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

3.

An' my lovely bretherin, dat aint all, Oh,

I'm not done a talkin' about my Lord; An' a golden crown a-placed on a-my head, An' my long white robe a-come-a-dazzlin' down,

Now wait till I get on my gospel shoes, Gwine to walk about de heaben an' a-carry de news.

Сно. —Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

I'm anchored in Christ, Christ anchored in me, Oh, yes, &c., All de deb'ls in hell can't-a-pluck a-me

An' I wonder what Satan 's grumbulin' about.

He's bound into hell, an' he can't git out. But he shall be loose an' hab his sway, Yea at de great resurrection day.

Сно.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

Verses, some of which are often added as encores.

5.

I went down de hill side to make a-one prayer, Oh, yes,

An' when I got dere, old Satan was dere, Oh, yes,

An' what do ye t'ink he said to me? Oh, yes, Said, "Off from here you'd better be."

Oh, yes; An' what for to do, I did not know, Oh,

yes, But I fell on my knees, an' I cried, Oh, Lord, Oh, yes, Now my Jesus bein' so good an' kind,

Yea, to de with-er-ed, halt an' blind; My Jesus lowered his mercy down, An' snatch-a-me from a-dem doors ob hell, He snatch-a-me from dem doors ob hell, An' took-a me in a-wid him to dwell.

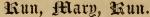
Сно. —Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

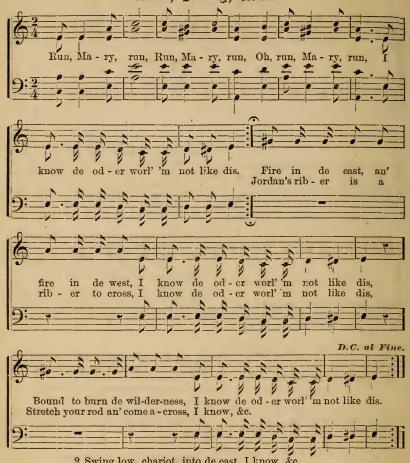
I was in de church an' prayin' loud, An' on my knees to my Jesus bowed, Ole Satan tole me to my face, "I'll git you when-a-you leave dis place;" Oh, brother, dat scare me to my heart, I was 'fraid to walk a-when it was dark. Сно. —Oh, wait till I get on my robe.

I started home, but I did pray, An' I met ole Satan on de way; Ole Satan made a-one grab at me, But he missed my soul, an' I went free. My sins went a-lumberin' down to hell, An' my soul went a-leapin' up Zion's hill; I tell ye what, bretherin, you'd better not laugh,

Ole Satan 'll run you down his path; If he runs you, as he run me, You'll be glad to fall upon your knee.

Сно. — Oh, wait till I put on my robe.





- 2 Swing low, chariot, into de east, I know, &c. Let God's children hab some peace; I know, &c. Swing low, chariot, into de west; I know, &c. Let God's children hab some rest; I know, &c.—Сно.
- 3 Swing low, chariot, into de north: I know, &c. Gib me de gold widout de dross: I know, &c. Swing low, chariot, into de south; I know, &c. Let God's children sing and shout; I know, &c.—Сно.
- 4 Ef dis day war judgment day, I know, &c. Ebery sinner would want to pray; I know, &c. Dat trouble it come like a gloomy cloud; I know, &c. Gader tick, an' tunder loud; I know, &c.—Сно.

Religion is a Fortune.



2 Gwine to sit down in de kingdom, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c., Gwine to walk about in Zion, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c. Duo.—Whar ye ben young convert, &c.

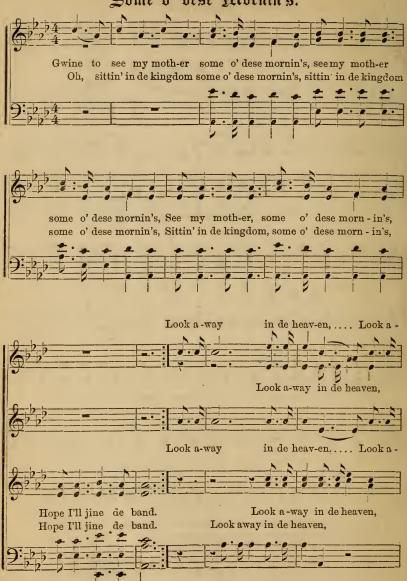
An'

3 Gwine to see my sister Mary, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c. Gwine to see my brudder Jonah, I raly do believe. Duo.-Whar ye ben good Christian, &c.

pray,

4 Gwine to talk-a wid de angels, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c., Gwine to see my massa Jesus, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c.

Some o' dese Mornin's.



Some o' dese Mornin's.—Continued







- 2 Gwine to see my brother some o' dese mornin's; Oh, shouting in de heaven some o' dese mornin's, Hope I'll jine de band. Сно.—Look away.
- 3 Gwine to walk about in Zion, some o' dese mornin's, Gwine to talk-a with de angels some o'dese mornin's, Hope I'll jine de band. Сно.—Look away.
- 4 Gwine to talk de trouble ober some o' dese mornin's, Gwine to see my Jesus some o' dese mornin's, Hope I'll jine de band. Сно.—Look away.

My Lord delibered Daniel.



I met a pil-grim on de way, An' I ask him whar he's a gwine. I'm



bound for Canaan's hap - py lan', An' dis is de shout-ing band. Go on!

2.

Some say dat John de Baptist
Was nothing but a Jew,
But de Bible doth inform us
Dat he was a preacher, too;
Yes, he was!
Cho.—My Lord delibered Daniel.

3.

Oh, Daniel cast in de lions den,
He pray both night an' day,
De angel came from Galilee,
An' lock de lions' jaw.
Dat's so.
Cho.—My Lord delibered Daniel.

4.

He delibered Daniel from de lions' den,
Jonah from de belly ob de whale,
And de Hebrew children from de fiery
furnace,
And why not ebery man?
Oh, yes!
Cho.—My Lord delibered Daniel.

5

De richest man dat eber I saw
Was de one dat beg de most,
His soul was filled wid Jesus,
And wid de Holy Ghost.
Yes it was!
Cho.—My Lord delibered Daniel.



Oh, de good ole chariot passing by, One more riber to cross,

She jarred de earth an' shook de sky,

One more, &c., I pray, good Lord, shall I be one? One more, &c.,

To get up in de chariot, trabbel on, One more, &c.

Сно. —Oh, wasn't dat a wide riber? &с.

We're told dat de fore-wheel run by love, O se more, &c.,

We're told dat de hind wheel run by faith. One more, &c.,

I hope I shall get dere bimeby,

One more, &c., To jine de number in de sky,

One more, &c. Сно. —Oh, wasn't dat a wide riber? &с.

Oh, one more riber we hab to cross,

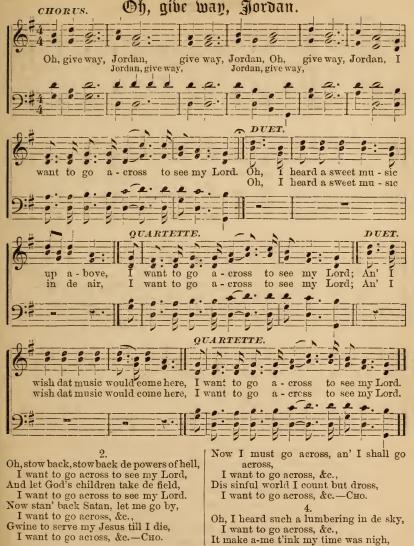
One more, &c., Tis Jordan's riber we hab to cross,

One more, &c ... Oh, Jordan's riber am chilly an' cold,

One more, &c., But I got de glory in-a my soul,

One more &c.

Сно. — Oh, wasn't dat a wide riber ⁹ &с.



Soon in de mornin' by de break ob day, I want to go across, &c., See de ole ship ob Zion sailin' away,

I want to go across, &c.,

It make a-me t'ink my time was nigh,

I want to ge across, &c., Yes, it must be my Jesus in de cloud, I want to go across, &c.,

I nebber heard him speak so loud— I want to go across, &с.—Сно.





CHO.—John saw, &c.

3 Want to go to hebben when I die—Settin' on, &c.
Shout salvation as I fly—Settin' on, &c.
It's a little while longer here below—Settin' on, &c.
Den-a home to glory we shall go—Settin' on, &c.

Jesus say He gone before—Settin' on, &c.

Сно. — John saw, &c.

King Emanuel.



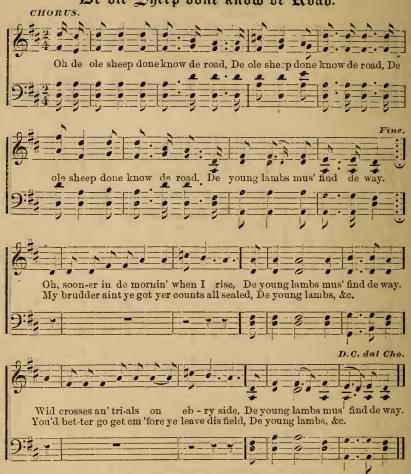






- 2 Oh, some call Him Jesus; but I call Him Lord,
 I call my Jesus King Emanuel;
 Let's talk about de hebben, an' de hebben's fine t'ings,
 I call my Jesus King Emanuel.
 Cho.—Oh de King Emanuel, &c.
- 3 Oh steady, steady, a little while; I call my Jesus King Emanuel; I will tell you what my Lord done for me; I call my Jesus King Emanuel. Сно.—Oh de King Emanuel, &c.
- 4 He pluck-a my feet out de miry clay; I call my Jesus King Emanuel; He sot dem a-on de firm Rock o' Age; I call my Jesus King Emanuel. Cho.—Oh de King Emanuel, &c.

De ole Sheep done know de Road.



- 2 Oh, shout my sister, for you are free. De young lambs, &c., For Christ hab bought your liberty, De young lambs, &c., I raly do believe widout one doubt, De young lambs, &c., Dat de Christian hab a mighty right to shout, De young lambs, &c. Сно.—Oh, de ole sheep, &c.
- 3 My brudder, better mind how you walk on de cross, De young lambs, &c., For your foot might slip, an' yer soul git lost, De young lambs, &c., Better mind dat sun, and see how she run, De young lambs, &c., An' mind don't let her catch ye wid yer works undone, De young lambs, &c. Cho.—Oh, de ole sheep, &c.

De Church of God.



Oh, Jesus tole you once before, To go in peace an' siu no more; Oh, Paul an' Silas bound in jail, Den one did sing, an' de oder pray. Cho.—De church ob God, &c.

"Come unto me, I am de way:"
Oh, come along, Moses, don't get lost,
Oh, stretch your rod, an' come across.
CHG.—De church ob God, &c.

Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.

This peculiar but beautiful medley was a great favorite among the hands in the tobacco factories in Danville, Va.



Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.—Continued.







Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.—Continued.



Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.—Concluded.



Judgment Day is a=rollin' around.



Judgment Day is a=rollin' around.—Concluded.



2.

Dar's a long white robe in de heaven for me,

Oh, how I long to go dere too;

Dar's a starry crown in de heaven for

me,

Oh, how I long to go.

My name is written in de book ob life.

Oh, how I long to go dere too, Ef you look in de book you'll fin'em dar,

Oh, how I long to go.

3.

Brudder Moses gone to de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go dere too; Sister Mary gone to de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go.

Dar's no more slave in de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go dere too, All is glory in de kingdom, Lord, Oh, how I long to go. 4.

My brudder build a house in Paradise,

Oh, how I long to go dere too; He built it by dat ribber of life,

Oh, how I long to go.

Dar's a big camp meetin' in de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go dere too, Come, let us jine dat a heavenly crew,

Oh, how I long to go.

5.

King Jesus sittin' in de kingdom, Lord,

Oh, how I long to go dere too; De angels singin' all round de trone, Oh, how I long to go.

De trumpet sound de Jubilo,

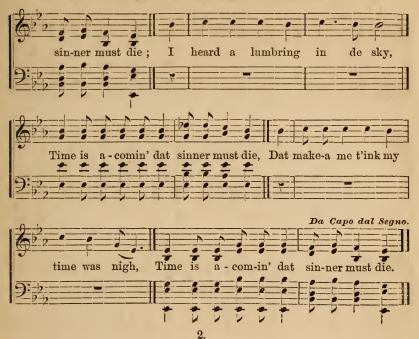
Oh, how I long to go dere too,

I hope dat trump will blow me home,

Oh, how I long to go.



Oh, Sinner, you'd better get ready.-Concluded.



I heard of my Jesus a many one say—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
Could 'move poor sinner's sins away—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Yes, I'd rather a pray myself away—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
Dan to lie in hell an' burn a-one day—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Cho.—Oh, sinner, you'd better get ready, &c.

3.

I think I heard a my mother say—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
'Twas a pretty thing a to serve de Lord—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Oh, when I get to Heaven I'll be able for to tell—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
Oh, how I shun dat dismal hell—
Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Cho.—Oh, sinner, you'd better get ready, &c.

Mear de Lambs a Cryin'.

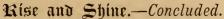


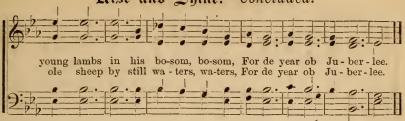
Mear de Lambs a Cryin'.—Concluded.



- 2 I don' know what you want to stay here for, Oh, shepherd, &c., For dis vain world's no friend to grace, Oh, shepherd, &c., If I only had wings like Noah's dove, Oh, shepherd, &c., I'd fly away to de heavens above, Oh, shepherd, &c. Сно.—You hear de lambs crying, &c.
- 3 When I am in an agony, Oh, shepherd, &c., When you see me, pity me, Oh, shepherd, &c., For I am a pilgrim travellin' on, Oh, shepherd, &c., De lonesome road where Jesus gone, Oh, shepherd, &c. Cho.—You hear de lambs a-crying, &c.
- 4 Oh, see my Jesus hanging high, Oh, shepherd. &c., He looked so pale an' bled so free, Oh, shepherd, &c., Oh, don't you think it was a shame, Oh, shepherd, &c., He hung three hours in dreadful pain, Oh, shepherd, &э Сно.—You hear de lambs a-crying, &c.







2 Oh, come on, mourners, get you ready, ready, Come on, mourners, get you ready, ready, (bis),

For de year ob jubilee;
You may keep your lamps trimmed an' burning, burning,
Kony your lamps trimmed an' burning, burning,

Keep your lamps trimmed an' burning, burning, (bis), For de year ob jubilee.

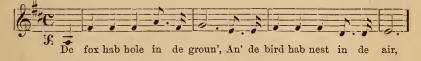
Сно.—Oh, rise an' shine, &c.

3 Oh, come on, children, don't be weary, weary, Come on, children, don't be weary, weary, (bis), For de year ob jubilee; Oh, don't you hear dem bells a-ringin', ringin',

Oh, don't you hear dem bells a-ringin', ringin', Don't you hear dem bells a-ringin', ringin', (bis), For de year ob jubilee.

Сно.—Oh, rise an' shine, &c.

Mard Trials.





An' eb - ry t'ing hab a hid - ing-place, But we, poor sin-ner, hab none.



Ward Trials.—Concluded.



You had bet - ter

names, An'-

Most Done Trabelling.



Gwine up.



Gwine up.—Concluded.



2.

I'm a gwine to keep a climbin' high—
See de hebbenly land;
Till I meet dem-er angels in-a de sky—
See de hebbenly lan'.
Dem pooty angels I shall see—
See de hebbenly lan';
Why don't de debbil let-a me be—
See de hebbenly lan'.
Cho.—Oh yes, I'm gwine up, &c.

3.

I tell you what I like-a de best—
See de hebbenly lan';
It is dem-a shoutin' Methodess—
See de hebbenly lan';
We shout so loud de debbil look—
See de hebbenly lan';
An' he gets away wid his cluvven foot—
See de hebbenly lan'.
Cho.—Oh, yes, I'm gwine up, &c.

I hope my Mother will be there.

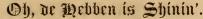
This was sung by the hands in Mayo's Tobacco Factory, Richmond, and is really called "The Mayo Boys' Song."



3 I hope my brother will be there, In that beautiful world on high,

Сно.—Oh, I will be there, &c.

4 I know my Saviour will be there, In that beautiful world on high, That used to listen to my prayer, In that beautiful world on high. Cho.—Oh, I will be there, &c.



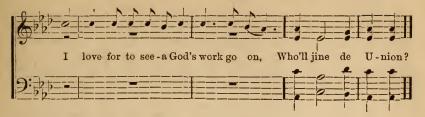


- 2 Death say, "I come on a-dat hebbenly 'cree: De hebben is, &c. My warrant's for to summage thee; De hebben is, &c. An' whedder thou prepared or no; De hebben is, &c. Dis very day He say you must go;" De hebben is, &c.—Cho.
- 3 Oh, ghastly Death, wouldst thou prevail; De hebben is, &c. Oh, spare me yet anoder day; De hebben is, &c. I'm but a flower in my bloom; De hebben is, &c. Why wilt thou cut-a me down so soon? De hebben is, &c.—Cho.
- 4 Oh, if I had-a my time agin; De hebben is, &c. I would hate dat road-a dat leads to sin; De hebben is, &c. An' to my God a-wid earnest pray: De hebben is, &c. An' wrastle until de break o' day; De hebben is, &c.—Cho.

UHho'll jine de Union.



Who'll jine de Union.—Concluded.



2.

Ef ye want to ketch-a dat hebbenly breeze,
Who'll jine de Union?
Go down in de valley upon yer knees,
Who'll jine de Union?
Go bend yer knees right smoove wid de groun',
Who'll jine de Union?
An' pray to de Lord to turn you roun',
Who'll jine de Union?
Cho.—Oh, Hallelujah, &c.

4.

Say, ef you belong to de Union ban',
Who'll jine de Union?
Den here's my heart, an' here's my han',
Who'll jine de Union?
I love yer all, both bond an' free,
Who'll jine de Union?
I love you ef-a you don't love me,
Who'll jine de Union?
Cho.—Oh, Hallelujah, &c.

3.

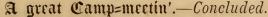
Now ef you want to know ob me,
Who'll jine de Union?
Jess who I am, an' a-who I be,
Who'll jine de Union?
I'm a chile ob God, wid my soul sot free,
Who'll jine de Union?
For Christ hab bought my liberty,
Who'll jine de Union?
Cho.—Oh, Hallelujah, &c.

A great Camp=meetin' in de Promised Land.

"This hymn was made by a company of Slaves, who were not allowed to sing or pray anywhere the old master could hear them; and when he died their old mistress looked on them with pity, and granted them the privilege of singing and praying in the cabins at night. Then they sang this hymn, and shouted for joy, and gave God the honor and praise."

J. B. Towe.







Oh get you ready, childron, Dont you get | Dere's a better day comin', Dont you get

Get you ready, children, Dont you, &c. (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

For Jesus is a comin', Dont you get, &c, Jesus is a comin', Dont you get, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Gwine to hab a happy meetin', Dont you get weary,

Hab a happy meetin', Dont you get, &c. (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Сно. — Gwine to pray an' nebber tire, Pray an' nebber tire, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Gwine to hab it in hebben, Dont you, &c. Gwine to hab it in hebben, Dont, &c. (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c., Gwine to shout in hebben, Dont you get

weary. Shout in hebben, Dont you get, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c., Oh will you go wid me, Dont you get, &c., Will you go wid me, Dont you get, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c., Сно.—Gwine to shout an' nebber tire,

Shout an' nebber tire, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land,

weary,

Better day a comin', Dont you get, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land,

Oh slap your hands children, Dont, &c. Slap your hands children, Dont, &c., (bis. Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Oh pat your foot children, Dont you get weary,

Pat your foot childron, Dont, &c., (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Сно. — Gwine to live wid God forever, Live wid God forever, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Oh, feel de Spirit a movin', Dont you, &c. Feel de Spirit a movin', Dont, &c., (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c. Oh now I'm get in' happy, Dont you get weary,

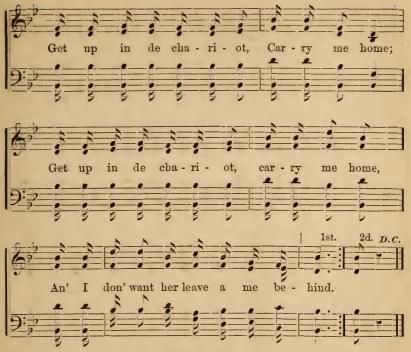
Now I'm gettin' happy, Dont, &c., (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c. I feel so happy, Dont you get weary, Feel so happy, Dont you get weary, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c. Сно. —Oh, fly an' nebber tire,

Fly an' nebber tire, (bis.) Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Good news, de Chariot's comin'.



Good news, de Chariot's comin'.—Concluded.



2 Dar's a long white robe in de hebben I know,
A long white robe in de hebben, I know,
A long white robe in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Dar's a golden crown in de hebben, I know,
A golden crown in de hebben, I know,
A golden crown in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Cho.—Good news, de chariot's comin', &c.

3 Dar's a golden harp in de hebben, I know,
A golden harp in de hebben, I know,
A golden harp in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Dar's silver slippers in de hebben, I know,
Silver slippers in de hebben, I know,
Silver slippers in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Cho.—Good news, de chariot's comin', &c.

Don't ye biew dat ship a come a sailin'.



Dont ye view dat ship.—Concluded.

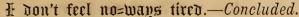






- 2 Dat ship is heavy loaded, Hallelujah, &c.
- 3 She neither reels nor totters, Hallelujah.
- 4 She is loaded wid-a bright angels, Hallelujah.
- 5 Oh, how do you know dey are angels? Hallelujah.
- 6 I know dem by a de'r mournin', Hallelujah.
- 7 Oh, yonder comes my Jesus, Hallelujah.
- 8 Oh, how do you know it is Jesus? Hallelujah.
- 9 I know him by-a his shinin', Hallelujah.







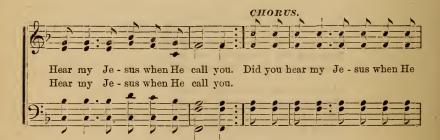
- 2 We will trabbel on together, Hallelujah, (bis) Gwine to war agin de debbel, Hallelujah, " Gwine to pull down Satan's kıngdom, Hallelujah, " Gwine to build up de walls o' Zion, Hallelujah. " Сно.—Lord, I don't feel no-ways tired, &c.
- 3 Dere is a better day a comin', Hallelujah, (bis)
 When I leave dis world o' sorrer, Hallelujah,
 For to jine de holy number, Hallelujah,
 "
 Den we'll talk de trouble ober. Hallelujah.
 "
 Cho.—Lord, I don't feel no-ways tired, &c.
- 4 Gwine to walk about in Zion, Hallelujah, (bis)
 Gwine to talk a wid de angels, Hallelujah, "
 Gwine to tell God 'bout my crosses, Hallelujah, "
 Gwine to reign wid Him foreber, Hallelujah. "
 Сно.—Lord, I don't feel no-ways tired, &c.

Did you hear my Jesus.









Did you hear my Jesus.—Concluded.



2 Oh, de hebben gates are open, come along, come along, Oh, de hebben gates are open, come along, come along, (bis., Hear my Jesus when He call you;

Oh, my mother's in de kingdom, come along, come along, Oh, my mother's in de kingdom, come along, come along, (bis.,

Hear my Jesus when He call you,

I am gwine to meet her yander, come along, come along, I am gwine to meet her yander, come along, come along, (bis., Hear my Jesus when He call you.

Сно.—Did you hear my Jesus when he call you, Did you hear my Jesus when he call you, (bis,, For to try on your long white robe.

3 Ef you want to wear de slippers, come along, come along, Ef you want to wear de slippers, come along, come along, (bis., Hear my Jesus when He call you;

Ef you want to lib forever, come along, come along,

Ef you want to lib forever, come along, come along, (bis., Hear my Jesus when He call you;

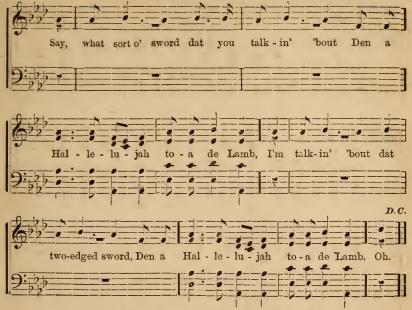
Did you hear my Jesus calling, "come along, come along," Did you hear my Jesus calling, "come along, come along." (bis., Hear my Jesus when He call you.

Сно.—Did you hear my Jesus when He call you, Did you hear my Jesus when He call you, (bis., For to try on your long white robe.

Zion, weep a=low.



Zion, weep a=low.—Concluded.



2 Oh, look up yonder, Lord, a-what I see,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Dere's a long tall angel a comin' a'ter me,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Wid a palms o' vicatry in-a my hand,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Wid a golden crown a-placed on-a my head,

Den a Hallelujah, &c. Сно.—Oh, Zion, weep a-low. 3 Zion been a-weepin' all o' de day,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Say, come, poor sinners, come-a an' pray,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

Oh, Satan. like a dat huntin' dog,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

He hunt dem a Christian's home to God, Den a Hallelujah, &c. Сно.—Oh, Zion, weep a-low.

4 Oh, Hebben so high, an' I so low, Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

I don' know shall I ebber get to Hebben or no,

Den a Hallelujah, &c., Gwine to tell my brudder befo' I go,

Den a Hallelujah, &c.,

What a dolesome road-a I had to go,

Den a Hallelujah, &c. Сно.—Oh, Zion, weep a-low.

Sweet Canaan.

My mother used to tell me how the colored People all expected to be free some day, and how one night, a great many of them met together in a Cabin, and tied little budgets on their backs, as though they expected to go off some where, and cried, and shook hands, and sang this hymn.



Note.—There is so little variety to the verses of "Sweet Canaan" that we have not thought it worth while to give them at greater length. They readily suggest themselves, and seem to be limited only by the number of the singer's relations and friends.

In dat great gittin=up Mornin'.

This song is a remarkable paraphrase of a portion of the Book of Revelations, and one of the finest specimens of negro "Spirituals." The student who brought it to us, and who sings the Soles, has furnished all that he can remember of the almost interminable succession of verses, which he has heard sing for half an hour at a time, by the slaves in their midnight meetings in the woods. He gives the following interesting account of its origin:
"I have heard my uncle sing this hymn, and he told me how it was made. It was made by an

"Thave heard my uncle sing this hymn, and he told me how it was made. It was made by an old slave who knew nothing about letters or figures. He could not count the number of rails that he would split when he was tasked by his master to split 150 a day. But he tried to lead a Christian life, and he dreamed of the General Judgment, and told his fellow-servants about it, and then made a tune to it, and sang it in his cabin meetings."

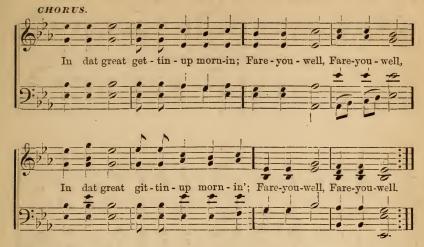
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In dat great gittin=up Mornin'.—Continued.



In dat great gittin-up Mornin'.—Concluded.



- Dere's a better day a comin',
- 3. When my Lord speaks to his Fader,
- 4. Says, Fader, I'm tired o' bearin',
- Tired o' bearin' for poor sinners,
- 6. Oh preachers, fold your Bibles,
- 7. Prayer-makers, pray no more,
- 8. For de last soul's converted. (bis) Cho.
- 9. De Lord spoke to Gabriel.
- 10. Say, go look behind de altar,
- 11. Take down de silver trumpet,
- 12. Go down to de sea-side,
- 13. Place one foot on de dry land,
- 14. Place de oder on de sea,
- 15. Raise your hand to heaven,
- 16. Declare by your Maker,17. Dat time shall be no longer. (bis) Cho.
- 18. Blow your trumpet, Gabriel.
- 19. Lord, how loud shall I blow it?
- 20. Blow it right calm and easy,
- 21. Do not alarm my people,
- 22. Tell dem to come to judgment. (bis) Cho.
- 23. Den vou see de coffins bustin',
- 24. Den you see de Christian risin',
- 25. Den you see de righteous marchin',
- 26. Dey are marchin' home to heaven.
- 27. Den look upon Mount Zion,
- 28. You see my Jesus comin' 29. Wid all his holy angels.
- 30. Where you runnin', sinner?

- 31. Judgment day is comin'. (bis) Cho.
- 32. Gabriel, blow your trumpet,
- 33. Lord, how loud shall I blow it?
- 34. Loud as seven peals of thunder,
- 35. Wake de sleepin' nations.
- 36. Den you see poor sinners risin'.
- 37. See de dry bones a creepin', Cho.
- 38. Den you see de world on fire,
- 39. You see de moon a bleedin'.
- 40. See de stars a fallin',
- 41. See de elements meltin', 42. See de forked lightnin'.
- 43. Hear de rumblin' thunder.
- 44. Earth shall reel and totter,
- 45. Hell shall be uncapped, 46. De dragon shall be loosened.
- 47. Fare-you-well, poor sinner. Cho.
- 48. Den you look up in de heaven,
- 49. See your mother in heaven,
- 50. While you're doomed to destruction.
- 51. When de partin' word is given,
- 52. De Christian shouts to your ruin.
- 53. No mercy'll ever reach you, Cho.
- 54. Den you'll cry out for cold water,
- 55. While de Christian's shoutin' in glory,
- 56. Sayin' amen to your damnation,
- 57. Den you hear de sinner sayin',
- 58. Down I'm rollin', down I'm rollin', 59. Den de righteous housed in heaven,
- 60. Live wid God forever. (bis.) Cho.

Walk you in de Light.









Walk you in de Light.—Concluded.



2 I think I heard some children say, Walkin' in de light o' God, Dat dey neber heard de'r parents pray, Walkin' in de light o' God. Oh, parents, dat is not de way, Walkin' in de light o' God, But teach your children to watch an' pray, Walkin' in de light o' God.

Cho.—Oh, parents, walk you in de light, Walk you in de light, walk you in de light, Walkin' in de light o' God.

3 I love to shout, I love to sing,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
I love to praise my Heavenly King,
Walkin' in de light o' God.
Oh, sisters, can't you help me sing,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
For Moses' sister did help him,
Walkin' in de light o' God.

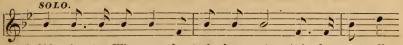
Сно.—Oh, sisters, walk you in de light, &c.

4 Oh, de heavenly lan' so bright an' fair,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
A very few dat enter dere,
Walkin' in de light o' God.
For good Elijah did declare,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
Dat nothin' but de righteous shall go dere,
Walkin' in de light o' God.
Cho.—Oh, Christians, walk you in de light, &c.

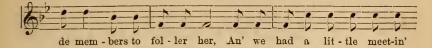
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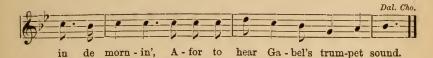


Sweet Turtle Bobe.—Concluded.



2 Old sis - ter Win - ny, she took her seat, An' she want all





- 2 Ole sister Hannah, she took her seat, An' she want all de member to foller her; An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin', A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound. Сно.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.
- 3 Sweet turtle dove, she sing-a so sweet, Muddy de water, so deep, An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin', A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound. Сно.—Jerusalem mornin', &с.
- (Solo.) 5 Ole brudder Philip, he took his seat,
 An' he want all de member to foller him,
 An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin,'
 A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
 Сно.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.
- (Solo.) 6 Ole sister Hagar, she took her seat,
 An' she want all de member to foller her,
 An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin',
 A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound,
 Cho.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.
- (Solo.) 7 Ole brudder Moses took his seat,
 An' he want all de member to foller him,
 An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin',
 A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
 Cho.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.
 - 8 Sweet turtle dove, she sing-a so sweet,
 Muddy de water. so deep,
 An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin'.
 A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
 Cho.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.

Gideon's Band; or, De milk=white Morses.

The explanation which has been given us of the origin of this curious hymn is, we think, inthinklable as an example of the manner in which external facts grew to have a strange symbolical meaning in the imaginative mind of the negro race.

valuable as an example of the manner in which external facts grew to have a strange symbolical meaning in the imaginative mind of the negro race.

In a little town in one of the Southern States, a Scriptural panorama was exhibited, in which Gideou's Band held a prominent place, the leader being conspicuously mounted upon a white horse. The black people of the neighborhood crowded to see it, and suddenly, and to themselves inexplicably, this swinging "Milk-White Horses" sprang up among them, establishing itself soon as a standard church and chimney-corner hymn.



Gideon's Band.—Concluded.



2 Duo.—I hail to my brudder, my brudder he bow low, Say, den't you want to go to hebben?—
How I long to see dat day!
Cho.—Oh, ride up in de chariot, ride up in de chariot, Ride up in de chariot ober in Jordan;
Ride up in de chariot, ride up in de chariot—
How I long to see dat day!
It's a golden chariot, a golden chariot,
Golden chariot ober in Jordan;
Golden chariot, a golden chariot—
How I long to see dat day!

3 Duo.—I hail to de mourner, de mourner he bow low,
Say, don't you want to go to hebben?—
How I long to see dat day!
Cho.—Oh, de milk an' honey, milk an' honey,
Milk an' honey ober in Jordan;
Milk an' honey, milk an' honey—
How I long to see dat day!
Oh, de healin' water, de healin' water,
Healin' water ober in Jordan;
Healin' water, de healin' water—
How I long to see dat day!

De Winter'll soon be Ober.

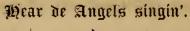


² I turn my eyes towards de sky,
An' ask de Lord for wings to fly;
If you get dere before I do,

3 Oh Jordan's ribber is deep an' wide,
But Jesus stan' on de hebbenly side;
An' when we get on Canaan's shore,
An' when we get on Canaan's shore, Look out for me I'm comin' too. Cho. We'll shout, an' sing forebber more. Cho.



I mean to go to heb - ben too, Keep me from sink - in' down. I'm gwine to judgment by an' by. Keep me from sink - in' down.





Hear de angels singin',

I am goin' up to Hebben, where my Jesus dwell;-

Hear de angels singin'.

For de angels are callin' me away,-

Hear de angels singin',

An' I must go, I cannot stay,-

Hear de angels singin'. Сно.—Oh, sing, &c.

3 Now take your Bible, an' read it through,-Hear de angels singin',

An' ebery word you'll find is true;---

Hear de angels singin'.

For in dat Bible you will see,—

Hear de angels singin',

Dat Jesus died for you an' me,-

Hear de angels singin'. Сно. —Oh, sing, &c.

4 Say. if my memory sarves me right,—

Hear de angels singin',

We're sure to hab a little shout to-night,—

Hear de angels singin'.

For I love to shout, I love to sing,-

Hear de angels singin',

I love to praise my Hebbenly King,—

Сно.—Oh, sing, &c. Hear de angels singin'.

E'be been a=list'ning all de Night long.



2.

Go, read the fifth of Matthew,
An' a read de chapter thro',
It is de guide to Christians,
An' a tells dem what to do.
Cho.—I've been a list'ning, &c.

3.

Dere was a search in heaven,
An' a all de earth around,
John stood in sorrow hoping
Dat a Saviour might be found.
Сно.—I've been a list'ning, &с.

Babylon's Fallin'. This is often used in Hampton as a Marching song, and is quite effective when the two hundred students are filing out of the assembly room to its spirited movement. We recommend it for similar use to Schools and Kindergartens. Pure Bab - y - lon's fall - in', more, Bab - y - lon's fall - in', more. CHORUS. Oh. Bab - y-lon's fall - in', fall-in', Bab-y - lon's fall-in more, Oh, Bab -y -lon's Bab -y -lon's fall - in' rise no more. Oh, Je - sus If you get dere be -

Babylon's Fallin'.—Concluded.



De ole Ark a-moberin' Along.—Concluded.

Omit in the last verse,





2 Den Noah an' his sons went to work upon de dry lan',

De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Dey built dat ark jes' accordin' to de comman',

De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Noah an' his sons went to work upon de timber,

De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

De proud began to laugh, an' de silly point de'r finger, De ole ark a-moverin', &c.

Сно.—De ole ark a-moverin', &c.

3 When de ark was finished jes' accordin' to de plan, De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Massa Noah took in his family, both animal an' man,

De ole ark a-moverin, &c., When de rain began to fall an' de ark began to rise, De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

De wicked hung around' wid der groans an' de'r cries, De ole ark a-moverin,' &c.

Сно.—Oh de ole ark a-moverin, &c.

4 Forty days an' forty nights, de rain it kep' a fallin', De ole ark a-moverin', &c.

De wicked clumb de trees, an' for help dey kep' a callin', De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Dat awful rain, she stopped at last, de waters dey subsided, De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

An' dat ole ark wid all on board on Ararat she rided, De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,

Сно.—Oh, de ole ark a-moverin, &c.

Dust an' Ashes.



Dust an' Ashes.—Continued.







Dust an' Ashes.—Concluded.



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