

"THE CAT CAME BACK."

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The piano introduction consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The right hand features a rhythmic melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes. The piece begins with a forte (f) dynamic.

The first system shows the vocal melody on a single staff and the piano accompaniment on two staves. The lyrics are: "1. Dar was ole Mis - ter John - son, he had troub - le of his own, 2. De cat did hab some com - pa - ny one night out in de yard,". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand.

The second system continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "He had an ole yal - ler cat that would-n't leave its home; He tried eb - 'ry-thing he knew to Some one frowed a boot-jack, an' dey frowed it might - y hard, Caught de cat be - hind de ear, she". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

thought he was a gon - er, But the cat came back for it would-nt stay a - way.

cat came back the ver - y next day, The cat came back,

But the cat came back, could - nt stay no long - er, Yes, the

CHORUS.

keep de cat a - way, E - ben send it to the preach - er an he tole it for to stay, thought it rath - er slight, When a - long dar comes a brick - bat an' it knocked it out ob sight.

A COMIC NEGRO ABSURDITY.
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Dar was ole Mister Johnson, he had troubles ob his own;
He had an ole yaller cat that wouldn't leave its home.
He tried eb'ry thing he knew to keep de cat away;
Eben sent it to de preacher, an' he tole it for to stay.

CHORUS.

But de cat came back, couldn't stay no longer,
Yes de cat came back de very next day;
De cat came back—thought she were a goner,
But de cat came back for it wouldn't stay away.

De cat did hab some company one night out in de yard,
Some one frowned a boot-jack, an' dey frowned it mighty hard,
Caught de cat behind de ear, she thought it rather slight,
When along dar comes a brick-bat an' it knocked it out ob sight.—

Away across de ocean dey did send de cat at last,
Vessel only out a day and making water fast;
People all begin to pray, de boat begin to toss,
When a nodder vessel came along and took de people off.—*Cho.*

On a telegraph wire sparrows sitting in a bunch;
Cat a feeling hungry, thought she'd like 'em for a lunch,
Climbing softly up de pole, an' when she reached de top
Put her foot upon de lectric wire, which tied her in a knot.—*Cho.*

One time did gib de cat away to man in a balloon
An' tole him for to gib it to de man in de moon;
But de b'loun it busted, sho, an' eb'rybody sed
It wer seben miles away or more dey picked de man up dead.—*Cho.*

De cat was a possessor ob a fam'ly ob its own
Wid seben little kittens till dar comes a cyclone,
Blowed de houses all apart and tossed de cat around;
While de air was full ob kittens not a one was eber found.—*Cho.*

De cat it were a terror and dey said it wer be best
To gib it to a nigger who was going out West.
De train going 'round de curve struck a broken rail,
Not a blessed soul aboard de train wer left to tell de tale.—*Cho.*

A man down on de corner swore to kill de cat at sight,
Loaded up a musket full ob nails and dynamite,
Waited in de garden for de cat to come around;
Half a-dozen little pieces ob de man was all dey found.—*Cho.*

Little boy took de cat away, he got a dollar note,
Took it down de ribber in a little open boat,
Tied a brick around its neck an' stone about a pound;
Now dey're grappling in de ribber for a little boy that's drowned.—

While de cat lay a-sleeping an' a resting one day,
'Round came an organ-grinder an' he began to play;
De cat look'd around awhile an' kinder raised her head
When he played Ta-rah-dah-boom-da-rah, an' de cat dropped dead.

CHORUS.

But its ghost came back to tell you all about it;
Yes, its ghost came back, between you and I.
Its ghost came back, may be you will doubt it,
But its ghost came back just to bid 'em all good-bye.

— ASK TO SEE —

“SWEET NELLIE BAWN.”