

THE VIRGINIA MINSTRELS,

No 3

63 "JIM CRACK CORN" 99

or the Blue tail Fly

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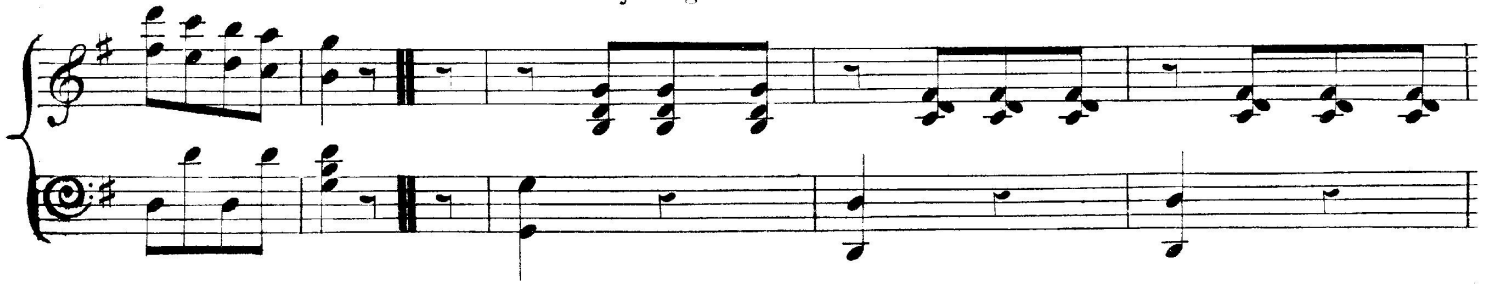
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PIANO



When I was young I us'd to wait On Mas-sa and hand



him de plate; Pass down de bottle when he git dry, And bresh away de blue tail fly.



CHORUS.

Soprano: Jim crack corn I don't care, Jim crack corn I don't care, Jim crack corn I don't care, Ole
 Alto: Jim crack corn I don't care, Jim crack corn I don't care, Jim crack corn I don't care, Ole
 Tenor: Jim crack corn I don't care, Jim crack corn I don't care, Jim crack corn I don't care, Ole
 Bass: Jim crack corn I don't care, Jim crack corn I don't care, Jim crack corn I don't care, Ole

Soprano: Massa gone a--way.
 Alto: Massa gone a--way.
 Tenor: Massa gone a--way.
 Bass: Massa gone a--way.

2.
 Den arter dinner massa sleep,
 He bid dis nigger vigil keep;
 An' when he gwine to shut his eye,
 He tell me watch de blue tail fly.
 Jim crack corn &c.

3.
 An' when he ride in de arfternoon,
 I foller wid a hickory broom;
 De poney being berry shy,
 When bitten by de blue tail fly.
 Jim crack corn &c.

4.
 One day he rode aroun' de farm,
 De flies so numerous dey did swarm;
 One chance to bite 'im on the thigh,
 De debble take dat blu tail fly.
 Jim crack corn &c.

5.
 De poney run, he jump an' pitch,
 An' tumble massa in de ditch;
 He died, an' de jury wonder'd why
 De verdic was de blue tail fly.
 Jim crack corn &c.

6.
 Dey laid 'im under a 'simmon tree,
 His epitaph am dar to see:
 'Beneath dis stone I'm forced to lie,
 All by de means ob de blue tail fly.
 Jim crack corn &c.

7.
 Ole massa gone, now let 'im rest,
 Dey say all tings am for de best;
 I nebber forget till de day I die,
 Ole massa an' dat blue tail fly.
 Jim crack corn &c.