

N E L L Y   W A S   A   L A D Y .

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VOICE. 

ADAGIO.

PIANO 

FORTE. 

Down on de Mis\_sis\_sip\_pi float\_ing, Long time I trabble on de way,

All night de cot\_ton-wood a to\_ting, Sing for my true-lub all de day.

CHORUS

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The piano accompaniment consists of a grand staff with treble and bass clefs, providing harmonic support for the vocal lines.

REPEAT CHORUS.

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The piano accompaniment for the repeat chorus includes a grand staff with treble and bass clefs, featuring a repeat sign and a fermata over the final measure.

2<sup>nd</sup> VERSE.



Now I'm un-hap-py and I'm weeping, Can't tote de cot-ton-wood no more;



Last night, while Nel-ly was a sleeping, Death came a knock-in at de door. CHORUS.

3<sup>rd</sup> VERSE.



When I saw my Nel-ly in de morning, Smile till she open'd up her eyes,



Seem'd like de light ob day a dawning, Jist 'fore de sun be-gin to rise. CHORUS.

4<sup>th</sup> VERSE.



Close by de mar-gin ob de wa-ter, Whar de lone weeping wil-low grows,



Dar lib'd Vir-gin-ny's lub-ly daughter; Dar she in death may find re-pose. CHORUS.

5<sup>th</sup> VERSE.



Down in de meadow mong de clober, Walk wid my Nel-ly by my side;



Now all dem hap-py days am o-ber, Fare-well my dark Vir-gin-ny bride. CHORUS.