

ALABAMA JOE,



B. W. Thayer's Lith. Boston.

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of the

GUINEA MINSTRELS.

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MODERATO.

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The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand (treble clef) plays a melody in 2/4 time, starting with a dotted quarter note followed by an eighth note, then a quarter note, and ending with a half note. The left hand (bass clef) plays a rhythmic accompaniment of chords, primarily triads and dyads, in a steady 2/4 beat.

The first line of the song features a vocal line on a single staff and piano accompaniment on two staves. The lyrics are: "A Nig - ger in Ala - ba - ma lived, Dey used to call him". The melody is simple and follows the natural inflection of the words.

The second line of the song continues with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Joe; Dis nig - ger lived to be so old, His head was white as". The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent rhythmic pattern.

snow. Dis nig - ger he was ve - - ry rich The poor ones liked him

well, Dey used to go to de old man's house Some sto - ries for to

ad lib: CHORUS.

tell. Den strike de toe and heel my lass, Den strike de heel and
vivace.

toe, Miss Phil - lis am a wait - - ing for your Al - - a - - ba - ma



2

This old Nigger built a church;
 A minister he hired,
 Who staid with them about four years,
 Then quit 'cause he was tired;
 This minister a good salary got,
 As all these niggers know:
 De money it was paid to him
 By Alabama Joe.

[CHORUS] Den strike &c.

3

Dis made these niggers all feel bad
 To think he served them so,
 But the one the shock fell worse upon
 Was Alabama Joe.
 In a few years after dis,
 De good old nigger died:
 He left these niggers all he had
 And Miss Phillisy his bride.

Den strike &c.

4

His money he did will away
 To Phillisy his spouse;
 Which caused a great disturbance
 At dis old nigger's house.
 Miss Phillisy had him buried
 All under an old tree;
 And after dey had buried him
 Dese niggers had a spree.

Den strike &c.

5

A Nigger in Virginnny lived
 Who heard of old Joe's death,
 And strait for Alabama steered,
 And never stopped for breath:
 He quick made love to Phillisy,
 Who was a charming fair;
 Her eyes was bright as diamonds,
 And curly was her hair.

Den strike &c.

6

Dis nigger he was a Fisherman,
 A Fisherman so old;
 A fishing he did go one night,
 And caught a dre'full cold:
 Dis nigger lived in great harmony,
 Old age did make him pine;
 For she was only twenty three,
 And he was ninety nine.

Den strike &c.

7

Dis story that I now relate,
 As a good old nigger said,
 He went one morning to their house,
 And found 'dis couple dead.
 Now Miss Phillisy she is dead,
 Old Joe he went before,
 Dat oder nigger has gone too,
 We shall see them no more.

Den strike &c.