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# The Black Man's Kissing Bug.

Words and Music by BEN HARNEY.

Moderato.

Piano introduction in B-flat major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes and chords, while the left hand plays a steady bass line of quarter notes. Dynamics include a forte (f) marking.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first line of lyrics. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern. Dynamics include a piano (p) marking.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second line of lyrics. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third line of lyrics. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord.

asked Ham, son of No-ah to tell me, How a coon was made,—  
One of them kept quiet and still, And nev-er said a word,—

Just then a bug lit on his jaw, And right there he stayed.  
She heard a lit - tle buz-zing tone, At last her prayrs were heard.

## CHORUS.

It was a kiss - ing bug, Gave him a hug, And he  
It was the kiss - ing bug, That gave her a hug, And fastened

stuck like glue, \_\_\_\_\_ Ham's face \_\_\_\_\_ Com-  
to her lip, \_\_\_\_\_ It was the firt kiss that

menced to swell, And he did-n't know what to do, I  
came to this Miss, All dur-ing her earth - ly trip, The

saw the first coon of the ne - gro race, Ham com-menced to turn  
old maid was on-ly sev-hy sev - en, A - ny kiss was like the

black in the face, The o - rig - in - al coon was made by the kiss - ing  
sev-enth heav - en, "Oh my," she cried, there is the lov-ing kiss - ing

bug. \_\_\_\_\_ It was a bug. \_\_\_\_\_  
bug? \_\_\_\_\_ It was the bug. \_\_\_\_\_