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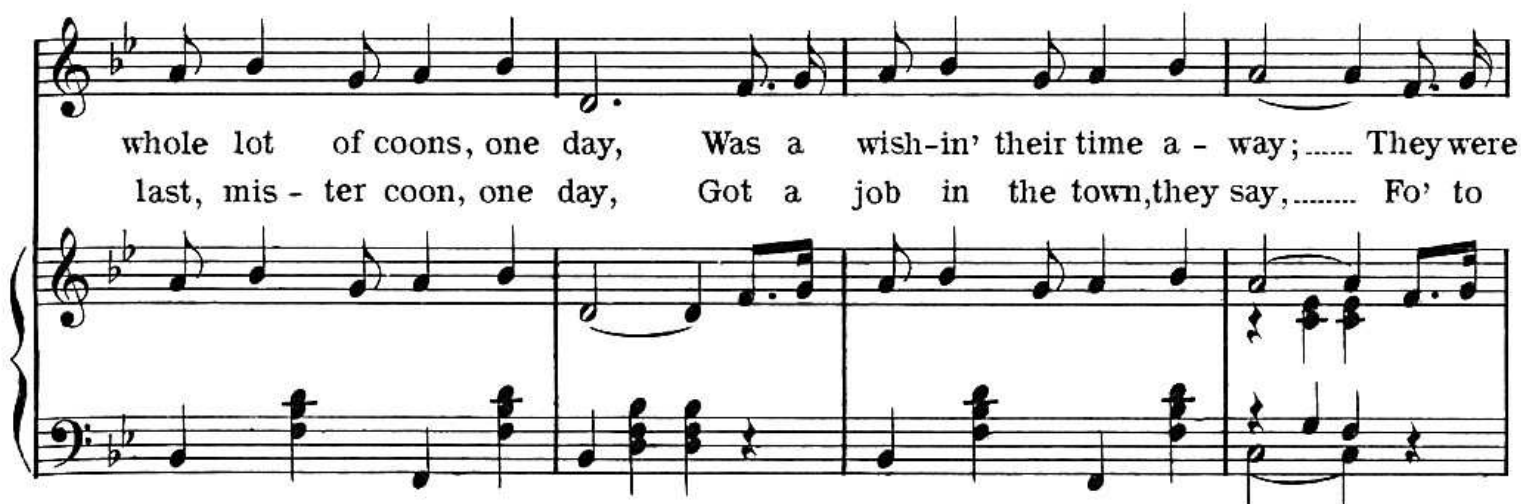
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Moderato.



wish-in' for wealth, and a - wishin' for health, And a - wishin' they could get more whitewash a fence, but he hadn't the sense Fo' to hus-tle home and save his

pay. When a one frown'd up his brow, Says, "We pay. Oh, he was - n't sat - is - fied, So to

can't get rich no - how, So dar ain't no use to swell his pile he tried; At a crap - shooters' ball he

fuss and fret, But I'll tell you coons, right now: lost it all, Then a - gain dat fool nig cried:

CHORUS.

I wish my rent was paid! I'm get - tin' might-y 'fraid,

Seein' mister Landlord prowlin' bout, A - waitin' fo' to chuck my fam'-ly out.

I'se pawn'd my ra-zor-blade, My yal-ler trousers, and a big sunshade! Dar

ain't no mo' in de house to go! Oh, I wish my rent was paid!.....