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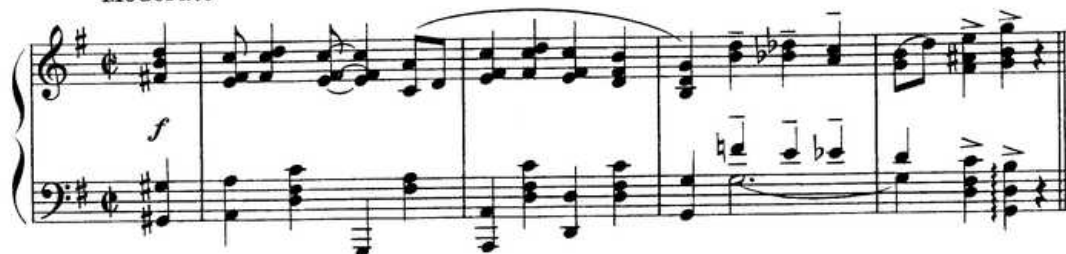


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Moderato



While think-ing of — the loved ones I left — down

The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, and then a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The dynamics are marked mezzo-forte (mf) and mezzo-piano (mp).

south in my south-ern home — I re-a - lized my life — has

The vocal line continues with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a half note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef.

been drift - wood_ in fact a kind of roll - ing stone_ But

I have learned my les - son_ Be - lieve me I am through And

folks I am not jok - ing when_ I sing these down South Blues:—

CHORUS

I'm goin' to the sta-tion and get the fast-est train that goes, I'm
 Be-cause my mam-ma told me and my dad-dy told me too, I
 I have found out it does-n't pay to love a north-ern man, I
 Be-cause their love is like a fau-cet, it turns off and on, I
 I'm goin' back down south, if I wear out nine-ty pair of shoes, I'm

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goin' to the sta - tion and get the fast - est train that goes, —
 say my mam - ma told me and my dad - dy told me too, —
 have found out it does - n't pay to love a north - ern man, —
 say their love is like a fau - cet, it turns off and on, —
 goin' back down south, if I wear out nine - ty pair of shoes,

I'm goin' back South where the weath - er suits my
 Don't go North and — let them make a fool of
 Can't get them when you — want them, catch them when you
 Time you think you've got 'em, it's turned off and
 'Cause I'm brok - en — heart - ed, got the down South

clothes. _____
 you. _____
 can. _____
 gone. _____
 Blues. _____

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EXTRA CHORUSES

You know my poor mother's old and her hair is turning grey,
 I said my poor mother's old and her hair is turning grey,
 'Twould break her heart to see me livin' this way.

You know there's an old saying, it never rains but what it pours,
 I say, there's an old saying, it never rains but what it pours,
 But all will be alright, when I reach those swanee shores.

Oh just as sure as the trains make up in these Northern yards,
 Oh just as sure as the trains make up in these Northern yards,
 I'm goin down South, if I have to ride the rods.

Say when I get back, the folks will meet me with outstretched arms,
 Say when I get back, the folks will meet me with outstretched arms,
 Father and mother, will protect me from all harm.