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“JUST A DRAGGIN’ ALONG”

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“Just Let Me Sleep,”
etc.



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Moderato *Till ready.*

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked *Moderato*. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure has a forte (*f*) dynamic. The melody is played in the right hand, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

The vocal melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The piano accompaniment is on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are as follows:

1. Why is I liv - in? Lor - dy on - ly knows;
2. I've been un - luck - y All my dog - gone life,

The vocal melody continues on the same staff. The piano accompaniment continues on the grand staff. The lyrics are as follows:

Got no mon-ey, nothing to eat, And wear - in' rag - ged clothes;.....
Lost my sens-es, gone to the bad, Some nig - ger swiped my wife;.....

Feet all out up - on de ground, De bosom ob my pants 'bout gone. Now,
Took dat gal right from my side, An' put her on de choo - choo train, And

dog - gone de luck, what is de use Of a nig - ger smellin' so strong? Well,
left me a - stand - in' by my - self. In all dat pour-in' down rain. Well,

CHORUS.

I ain't been liv - in', no how, Just a - draggin' a - long; Now,
I ain't been liv - in', no how, Just a - draggin' a - long; Well,

I'se de ou-ly nig-ger in town What's down an' out, plumb gone.....
 I'se too dog-gone meas-i-ly slow To catch a train dat's gone.....

Po'k-chops, chicken, fo' them what can, But all I ev-er gets is a lick at de pan; Well,
 He's sho' welcome, 'tween you an me, Fo' I had rather work for my-self dan fo' three; Well,

1 ain't been liv-in', no how, Just a-draggin' a-long. Well, long.
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