Mammy's Song

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Allegretto

I had an old black Mammy who used to sing to me, All

kinds of funny little songs and funny poetry;

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All about a "heap o' things," but the song that I liked best Was the one she sang when I went to sleep With my head up-on her breast. 'Twas

Moderato

"Hit" said de Pos-sum, "des shake dat sim-mon tree" "Gol-ly," said de Rab-bit, "you's a

Slow rocking motion

shak-in' dem on me!" Den dey picked wid der claws, And dey licked der paws, An' dey
tuk a heap home to der Maws,  A heap, oh a heap, hon-ey,

home to der Maws, Oh a heap, oh a heap, oh a heap, heap, heap, To der

Maws.

Then I would raise my head and beg, "Oh
sing it once again." And she would say "Hush, honey child!" And

rock and pat me. Then, "Hill said de Possum, "des shake dat 'simmon tree,"

"Golly! said de Rab-bit, "you's a shak-in' dem on me!" Den dey picked wid der claws, and dey

licked der paws, and dey tuk a heap home to der Maws.
heap, oh a heap, hon-ey, home to der Maws, Oh a heap, oh a heap, oh a heap, heap, heap, heap, oh a heap.

But I nev'er heard the end, be-cause I al-ways fell a-

sleep.
I had an old black mammy who used to sing to me
All kinds of funny little songs and funny poetry:
One of a "low sweet chariot," one of "cane in the brake,"
One of her old white Massa, of possum and hot hoe-cake,
And more about a "heap o' things;"—but the one that I liked best
Was one she sang when I went to sleep with my head upon her breast.
'Twas:

"'Hi!' said de Possum, "des shake dat 'simmon tree!"
"Golly!" said de Rabbit, "you's a shakin' dem on me!"
Den dey picked wid der claws,
An' dey licked der paws,
An' dey tuk a heap home to der Maws—
A heap, oh a heap, honey, home to der Maws.

Then I would raise my head and beg, "Oh sing it once again!"
And she would say, "Hush, honey chile!" and rock and pat me.

Then:

"Dey picked wid der claws,
An' dey licked der paws,
An' dey tuk a heap home to der Maws—
A heap, oh a heap, honey, home to der Maws—
Oh a heap, oh a heap, oh a heap, heap, heap.
Oh a hee-ee-ee—Oh a hee-ee-ee-ee—"

And I never heard the end, because I always fell asleep.