

Way down upon the Swanee river Far, far away.

There's where my heart is turning ever.

There's where the old folks stay.

All up and down the whole creation

Sadly I roam,

Still longing for the old plantation,

And for the old folks home.

Chorus: All the world is sad and dreary everywhere I roam.

Oh darkies how my heart grows weary.

Far from the old folks at home.

All roun' the little farm I wander'd,

When I was young.

Then many happy days I squander'd

Many the songs I sung.

When I was playing with my brother

Happy was I.

O take me to my kind old mother,

There let me live and die.

Chorus: All the world is sad and dreary everywhere I roam.

Oh darkies how my heart grows weary.

Far from the old folks at home.

One little hut among the bushes

One that I love.

Still sadly to my mem'ry rushes

No matter where I rove

When shall I see the bees ahumming

All roun' the comb?

When shall I hear the banjo strumming

Down in the good old home?

Chorus: All the world is sad and dreary everywhere I roam.

Oh darkies how my heart grows weary.

Far from the old folks at home.