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TO MY FRIEND WILL FOSTER.

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Moderato.

Introd.

Voice.

Did you hear about that coon from Ten-nee-see with high am-bi-tion
With mon-ey in his hand down to the race track he went to bet-ting,

Way a-bove the oth-er coons in his com-mu-ni-ty, in his con-di-tion get-ting
The an-gels pinned a note on the
He bet on a horse that was-n't

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dar - keys door while he was sleep - ing.
worth a fig, he start - ed balk - ing.

It
While

said "go play four e - lev - en for - ty four," he went a
rid - in' from the rac - es I saw this high-toned nig he was

creep - ing walk - ing
He won a hun - dred dol - lars and
A puff - ing and a blow - ing like a

I de - clare That coon thot he was a mil - lion - aire He went and dressed like the
big ba - boon It was way the next mor - ning fore we saw that coon It took him all night for to

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Prince of Wales He met hard luck coons telling hard luck tales. This walk to town Ragged as a parrot with his head bowed down When coon strolled by them with his pompadour All the he saw the other coons that he'd cast aside This yaller gals standin' in the cabin door Said "Dere's Mister John-sing he's a high strung coon then tried to hide Then the yaller gals hol-lered You se mighty warm thing. He turned to the other coons and then began to sing: fell from grace The other coons al to gether shouted in his face:
Chorus.

Moderato.

"I hope these few lines will find you well I'm a sweet bunch of daisies from the dell And how I got 'coon-rich' I won't tell But you bet I'm here to stay I get my money and I get it fast I'll be a swell coon while my money lasts I hope these few lines will find you well so hard luck comes good day, I day."

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