

PROFESSIONAL COPY COTTON BELT BLUES

(Mamma's Sorrow Song)

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Low-Down Papa
Black Man etc.

"Tempo di Jig-walk"

Piano

The piano introduction consists of two staves of music in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The tempo is marked "Tempo di Jig-walk".

VOICE

Look at me, look at me, And you'll

Vamp

mf

p

The piano accompaniment for the first vocal line features a "Vamp" section. It starts with a dynamic marking of *mf* and ends with a dynamic marking of *p*. The music is written in two staves.

see a gal, With a heart bowed down with woe, Because I'm

The piano accompaniment for the second vocal line continues the harmonic support for the melody. It is written in two staves.

all a-lone, Far from my South-ern home, Dix-ie

The piano accompaniment for the third vocal line concludes the piece. It is written in two staves.

Dan, dat's de man took me from de land of cot-ton to de cold, cold mind-ed North, _____ Den

threw me down, Skipped dis town And I ain't nev-er seen him hence-forth.

Jus' cause I trust-ed, I'm broke and dis-gust-ed, I got de Cot-ton Belt Blues. _____

CHORUS

1. Dat man has left me in an aw-ful hole, _____
 you see what a nast-y muddle I'm in, _____
 I knew jus' where dat rap-sal-ion went, _____
 trif-lin' man was us' a pleas-ure hound, _____
 Cot-ton Belt is call-in' me right now, _____

I say he left me in a low-down
 Can't you see what a mud-dle Ma-ma's
 If I knew jus' where dat rap-scal-ion
 Dat trif-lin' man was jus' a pleas-ure
 Dat Cot-ton Belt is call-in' me right

hole, _____ De day I catch him Ma-ma's gon-na ruin his
 in, _____ When my shoes wear out I'll be on my feet a-
 went, _____ I'd find de sher-iff put de blood-hounds on his
 hound, _____ When dey mess with me ma-ma kicks their dog-house
 now, _____ I'll ride de rods and get my-self back home some-

1. soul. _____ 2. soul. _____
 gain. _____ 2. Can't gain. _____
 scent. _____ 3. If scent. _____
 down. _____ 4. Dat down. _____
 how. _____ 5. Dat how. _____