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NELLY WAS A LADY

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ETHIOPIAN MELODY

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MY BRUDDER GUM

NELLY BLY

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Adagio.

VOICE. 

PIANO. 

FORTE. 

Down on de Mis-sis-sip-pi float-ing, Long time I trabble on de way,

All night de cot-ton-wood a to-ting, Sing for my true-lub all de day.

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CHORUS.

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Repeat CHORUS.

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Repeat CHORUS.

2nd VERSE.

Now I'm un - happy and I'm weeping, Can't tote de cot-ton-wood no more;



Last night, while Nelly was a sleeping, Death came a knockin at de door. CHORUS.

3rd VERSE.

When I saw my Nel-ly in de morning, Smile till she open'd up her eyes,



Seem'd like de light ob day a dawning, Jist 'fore de sun be - gin to rise. CHORUS.

4th VERSE.

Close by de mar-gin ob de wa-ter, Whar de lone weeping wil-low grows,



Dar lib'd Vir-gin-ny's lub-ly daughter; Dar she in death may find re - pose. CHORUS.

5th VERSE.

Down in de meadow mong de clo-ber, Walk wid my Nel-ly by my side;



Now all dem happy days am o - ber, Fare-well my dark Vir-gin-ny bride. CHORUS.