

TWENTIETH EDITION

OH BOYS, CARRY ME LONG

A

Plantation Melody

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FAREWELL MY LILLY DEAR.

MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME. GOOD NIGHT.



PIANO

GITAR

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Words and Music by S.C.FOSTER.

Moderato.

VOICE

PIANO

Oh! car_ry me 'long; Der's

no more trouble for me: Is guine to roam In a hap_py home Where

all de nig-gas am free. I've worked long in de fields; I've handled many a

hoe: I'll turn my eye, Be-fore I die, And see de su-gar-cane grow.

CHORUS.

Alt. Oh! boys, car-ry me long; Car-ry me till I die — Car-ry me down To de

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The musical score consists of two systems. The first system contains four vocal staves (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass) and a piano accompaniment. Each vocal staff has the lyrics "bu-ry-in' groun'- Massa, dont you cry." written below it. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The second system contains four empty vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment in the second system continues the eighth-note bass line and includes a melodic line in the right hand.

II. Ver:

All o - ber de land I've wandered ma - ny a day, To
 blow de horn And mind de corn And keep de possum a - - way.
 No use for me now - So dark - eys bu - ry me low: My
 horn is dry, And I must lie Wha de pos - - sum neb - ber can go. CHORUS

III. Ver:

Fare - - well to de boys Wid hearts so hap - py and light, Dey
 sing a song De whole day long, And dance de jub - ba at night.
 Fare - - well to de fields Ob, cot - - ton, 'bac - co, and all: It's
 guine to hoe In a bress - ed row Wha de corn grows mellow and tall. CHORUS

IV. Ver:

Fare - - well to de hills, De mea - dows covered wid green, Old
 brin - dle Boss And de old grey-hoss All beat - - en broken and lean.
 Fare - - well to de dog Dat al - - ways followed me round; Old
 San - cho'll wail And droon his tail When I am un - der de ground. CHORUS