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HAM-FAT.

As Sung by Ben Cotton.

Good evening, white folks, I come to please you all,
I'm right from old Virginny, ragged, sassey, fat and tall ;
You may talk about your comfort ; but Massa am de man,
He gives de niggers hommony in de ham-fat-pan,

CHORUS.

Ham-fat, ham-fat ; Zick-er Zaw-Zan.
Ham-fat, ham-fat, tick-ler, aw-tan ;
Oh, get you to de kitchen as quick as you can,
Ou-cher ku-cher, ku-cher in de ham-fat-pan.

De whiskey it am plenty, and I am bound to get my fill ;
I know a little yellow gal, and her I love to kill ;
And if any nigger fools with her, I will mash him if I can,
For, de gravy is mighty hot in de ham-fat-pan. Chorus.

Now, fare you well, white folks, I'm going far away,
I'll lay back, stay back, in clover all de day ;
You can just bet your life dat, as long as I can stand,
I'll stick to my gravy in de ham-fat-pan. Chorus.

POOR OLD JOE.

Oh ! where's that old grey darkey gone, that used to work the hoe,
In Massa's field to till the ground, long time ago ?
You ask us where that darkey's gone, that good old darkey, Joe
He's gone to see the Elephant, down, down below.

CHORUS.

Poor old Joe, he used to work the hoe and play the old banjo,
Long time ago !

He had no teeth, and he was blind ; his wool was white as snow ;
But Massa to old Joe was kind, long time ago ;
He used to fish for frogs and eels, that good old darkey Joe,
'Till grim death took him by the heels, down, down below.
Poor old Joe, &c.

He used to chalk the numbers down, to keep his years just so,
His age it was a hundred and forty, long time ago,
But death has caught old Joe at last, tho' he was loth to go ;
He s' in the corn-field sleeping fast, down, down below.
Poor old Joe, &c.

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