

ROLL THE COTTON DOWN

TRAD. SHANTY FROM "THE SEVEN SEAS SHANTY BOOK"

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The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff begins with a 'SOLO' section (measures 1-2) and a 'CHORUS' section (measures 3-6). The second staff begins with a 'CHORUS' section (measures 7-10) and ends with a 'SOLO' section (measures 11-12). The lyrics are written below the notes.

SOLO CHORUS SOLO

A - WAY DOWN SOUTH WHERE I WAS BORN, OH ROLL THE COT-TON DOWN, A -

5 CHORUS

WAY DOWN SOUTH WHERE I WAS BORN, OH ROLL THE COT-TON DOWN____ COME...

COME ALL YOU LITTLE NIGGER BOYS.

(OH ROLL THE COTTON DOWN.)

COME ALL YOU LITTLE NIGGER BOYS.

(OH ROLL THE COTTON DOWN)

IF THE SUN DON'T SHINE THE HENS WON'T LAY

A DOLLAR A DAY IS A WHITE MAN'S PAY

A DOLLAR AND A HALF IS A BLACK MAN'S PAY

THE WHITE MAAN'S PAY IS RATHER HIGH

THE BLACK MAN'S PAY IS RATHER LOW

OH HOIST THAT YARD AND SING THIS SONG