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Eat, Drink and be Merry

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Eat, Drink and be Merry.

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Moderato.

First system of piano introduction. Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), common time. The music begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Second system of piano introduction. The melody continues in the right hand, and the left hand provides harmonic support. A section marked *mf* (mezzo-forte) begins in the right hand.

VOICE.

Voice and piano accompaniment for the first two lines of lyrics. The piano part begins with the instruction *ad lib. until voice.* The lyrics are:

1. Mose John - son was a

2. The Par - son gave a

Voice and piano accompaniment for the last two lines of lyrics. The lyrics are:

cur - ious man 'Mongst the coons he was a pest and bore, He was

part - y once 'Twas a fun - nysight I do de - clare, Where you

nev - er su - per - sti - tious 'bout a rain - y day, or the wolf knock - ing at his
had to bring a pack age of a pound with you, to pro - cure ad - mittance

door, — Ey - 'ry dol - lar ev' - ry cent which dat man could find would be
there, There were sev - ral rolls of bac - on chick - en and ham ev - en

trans - formed in - to nig - ger gin, 'Till the neigh - bors tried to con -
liv - er with e - lec - tric lights 'Till the house looked just like a

vert poor Mose, by tell ing him it was a sin. — They had a
bar - gain sale, at the mar - ket on a Sat - ur - day night — It was at

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grand re-vi-val at the bap-tist church, all the good col-ored folks were there, When
twelve o'clock the Par-son start-ed in on a mer-ry in-spec-tion - tour, The

Mose he en-tered the church door Par-son Lane offered up a pray-er, When
con-gre-ga-tion all rub-ber'd as he looked all his presents-o'-er, He

they a-rose they sur-round-ed Mose, and asked 'him to mend his ways, He cre-
spied a most pe-cu-liar box, from "Mose to Par-son Lane it said it was

a-ted a sen-sa-tion, and shocked the congre-ga-tion, When these words they heard him say.—
gin in great pro-fu-sion, and the opening caused confusion, When the Par-son this card read.—

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CHORUS.

Eat, drink and be mer-ry to-day, for to-mor-row you may die.

p-f
fz

What's the use of sav-ing your gold, when your breath takes wings and flies, - You

see where it goes if you spend it here, For you can't spend a cent on the oth-er sphere, So

eat, drink and be mer-ry to-day, for to mor-row you may die. die.

1. 2.
D.S.

Eat, Drink and be Merry.