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A BANJO SONG

I PLAYS de banjo better now
Dan him dat taught me do,
Because he plays for all de worl',
An' I jes' plays for you.

He learns his chunes — I jes' lets down
A banjo-string or two
Into de deepest of my heart,
An' draws up chunes for you.

Slowly dey comes swingin' up,
A-quiv'rin' through an' through,
Till wid a rush of tinglin' notes
Dey reaches light — an' you.

I never knows if dey will shine
Wet wid tears or dew;
I only knows dat, dew or tears,
Dey shine because of you.

HOWARD WEEDEN

Bandanna Ballads

A Banjo Song

Words* by
Howard Weeden

Sidney Homer. Op. 22, No 4
Original key

Molto moderato With marked rhythm

Voice *mf*

I plays de ban - jo bet - ter now Dan

Piano *mf* *legato*

him dat taught me do, Be - case he plays for

cresc. rit. *f a tempo*

all de worl', An' I jes' plays_ for you. He

cresc. rit. *a tempo*

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with increasing ardor

learns his chunes— I jes' lets down A ban - jo-string or

two In - to de deep-est of my heart, An' draws up chunes for

cresc. rit.

cresc. rit.

you. Slow - ly dey comes swing-in' up, A -

ff a tempo

ff a tempo

quiv' - rin' through an' through, Till wid a rush of tin - glin' notes Dey

cresc. rit. reach - es light... an' you. *with emotion ff a tempo* I nev - er knows if

cresc. rit. *ff a tempo*

dey will shine... Wet wid tears or dew; I

dim. e rit. on - ly knows dat, dew or tears, Dey shine be-case of you, dey *tenderly p lento*

dim. e rit. *p lento*

dim. shine be-case of you, *rit.* of you. *pp*

dim. *rit.* *pp*