
GOIN' DOWN DAT LONESOME ROAD

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Negro Work Song

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Nice, steady walking tempo (♩ = 136) *p*

Tenor

Finger snaps begin here and continue in rhythm until otherwise indicated.

1st time - boys and girls whistle
2nd time - tenors sing

I'm goin' down dat lone-some

(whistled)

Piano (for rehearsal only)

p
(sung)

road, — I'm goin' down dat lone-some road, — I'm goin' down dat

lone-some road, — But I won't be treat-ed dis-a way. — I'm

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SOPRANO *pp*

ALTO *pp*

TENOR *mf*

BASS

way. — Well, I won't see — my — ba - by — no — mo', no

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mo', No I won't see — my — ba - by no mo'. — Said I



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Oo

Oo

won't see my ba-by no mo', no mo', But I

Oo

Oo

won't be treat-ed dis-a way. Well, dem

(Finger snaps continue)



Doo _____

 Doo _____

 springs on my bed done bro - ken down, Say dem

 Boo dee yoo dee, boo dee yoo dee, boo dee yoo dee yoo.

Doo _____ Doo _____

 Doo _____ Doo _____

 springs on my bed done bro - ken down, Well dem

 Boo dee yoo dee, boo dee yoo dee, boo dee yoo dee, Boo dee yoo_ dee,



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Doo

Doo

spring on my bed done bro - ken down, But I

Boo dee yoo dee, boo dee yoo dee, boo dee yoo dee, boo dee yoo dee;

Doo

Doo

won't be treat-ed dis-a way. Been

No, I won't be treat-ed dis-a way, dis-a way. Been

rit.

(End finger snaps)

rit.

f

rit.

f

rit.

(End finger snaps)



Broad and forceful *f. ff. div.*

Kicked all a - roun' dis ol' town,
Hold up my head like a man,

kicked all a - roun' dis ol' town, Been
Hold up my head like a man, Gon'

Broad and forceful

Kicked all a - roun' dis ol' town,
Hold up my head like a man,

Kicked all a - roun' dis ol' town,
Hold up my head like a man,

kicked all a - roun' dis ol' town, Been kicked all a -
hold up my head like a man. Gon' hold up my

kicked all a - roun' dis ol' town, Been kicked all a -
hold up my head like a man. Gon' hold up my



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Kicked all a - roun' dis ol' town. No I won't, No I
 Hold up my head like a man.

Kicked all a - roun' dis ol' town. No I won't, No I
 Hold up my head like a man.

roun' dis ol' town. No I won't, No I
 head like a man.

roun' dis ol' town. But I won't be
 head like a man. 'Cause

won't, No I won't be treat-ed dis-a way. way.
poco rall.

won't, No I won't be treat-ed dis-a way. way.
poco rall.

won't, No I won't be treat-ed dis-a way. Gon' way. I'm
poco rall. *ff* *p*

treat-ed dis-a way. Gon'
poco rall. *ff* *p*



Tempo I

p div.

Oh, ba-by! Oh, ba-by!

p

Oh, ba-by! Oh, ba-by!

goin' down dat lone - some road, I'm

Resume finger snaps

etc.

Goin' down dat road, Goin' down dat road,

Tempo I

Oh, ba-by! Oh, ba-by!

Oh, ba-by! Oh, ba-by!

goin' down dat lone - some road, I'm

Goin' down dat road, Goin' down dat road,



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Oh, ba-by! But I
 Oh, ba-by! But I
 goin' down dat lone - some road, But I
 Goin' - down dat road, Goin' - down dat road, But I

won't be treat - ed, treat - ed dis - a way.
 won't be treat - ed, treat - ed dis - a way.
 won't be treat - ed dis - a way. *(Men whistle melody)*
 won't be treat - ed dis - a way. *(Men whistle melody)*



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Oh, ba - by! Oh, ba - by!

Oh, ba - by! Oh, ba - by!

Finger snaps

etc.

unis.

Oh, ba - by! Oh, ba - by! Oh, ba - by!

Oh, ba - by! Oh, ba - by! Oh, ba - by!

(Men whistle) (Finger snaps continue)



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gradually softer and softer
 (Men whistle) (Finger snaps continue)

(whistle) *pp* *poco rall (but rhythmic to the end)* *ppp*
 Finger snaps
 (whistle) *pp* *poco rall* *ppp*
 (cut finger snaps down to only a few people at end)