

Camptown Races



1. De Camptown ladies sing dis song, Doo-dah! doo-dah!
De Camp-town race-track five miles long, Oh! doo-dah day!
I come down dah wid my hat caved in, Doo-dah! doo-dah!
I go back home wid a pocket full of tin, Oh! doo-dah day!

Chorus:

Gwine to run all night!
Gwine to run all day!
I'll bet my money on de bob-tail nag,
Somebody bet on de bay.

2. De long tail filly and de big black hoss, Doo-dah! doo-dah!
Dey fly de track and dey both cut across, Oh! doo-dah-day!
De blind hoss sticken in a big mud hole, Doo-dah! doo-dah!
Can't touch bottom wid a ten foot pole, Oh! doo-dah-day!

Chorus

3. Old muley cow come on to de track, Doo-dah! doo-dah!
De bob-tail fling her ober his back, Oh! doo-dah-day!
Den fly along like a rail-road car, Doo-dah! doo-dah!
Runnin' a race wid a shootin' star, Oh! doo-dah-day!

Chorus

4. See dem flyin' on a ten mile heat, Doo-dah doo-dah!
Round de race track, den repeat, Oh! doo-dah-day!
I win my money on de bob-tail nag, Doo-dah! doo-dah!
I keep my money in an old tow-bag, Oh! doo-dah-day!

Chorus

Camptown is a town in north-western Pennsylvania on state highway 706. A horse race (now a footrace) took place over the five miles from Camptown to Merryall, Pennsylvania. Stephen Foster was born in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. I play this in a medley with "Oh! Susanna!" by Stephen Foster and "Blue Tail Fly" by Dan Emmett.

Other songs by Stephen Foster in this section:

"Gentle Annie"

"Hard Times Come Again No More"

"Oh! Susanna"

"Old Folks at Home"