

# Oh! Susanna

Words & Music:  
Stephen Foster

*This 1848 tune was a huge hit for Stephen Foster as was adopted by the California Gold Rush miners as their "unofficial anthem" in 1849.*

G                                A7                        D7  
I come from Alabama with my banjo on my knee,  
G                                Em                        D7                G  
I'm goin' to Louisiana, my true love for to see,  
G    A7                                D7  
It rained all night the day I left; the weather it was dry,  
G    Em                D7                        G  
The sun so hot I froze to death Susanna don't you cry.

CHORUS:

C                                G                        A7                D7  
Oh, Susanna! Oh, don't you cry for me.  
G    Em                D7                G  
I've come from Alabama with my banjo on my knee.

I had a dream the other night, when every thing was still;  
I thought I saw Susanna, a-coming down the hill.  
The buckwheat cake was in her mouth, the tear was in her eye,  
Says I, "I'm coming from de South, Susanna, don't you cry."

CHORUS:

I soon will be in New Orleans, and den I'll look all round,  
And when I find Susanna, I'll fall upon the ground.  
But if I do not find her, this darkie'll surely die,  
And when I'm dead and buried, Susanna, don't you cry.

CHORUS: