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Stephen Foster wrote the original lyrics in 1847.

I jumped aboard de telegraph, And trabbled down de riber, De lectric fluid magnified, And killed five hundred chigger\*. The bullgine bust, de horse run off, I really thought I'd die; I shut my eyes to hold my breath, Susanna don't you cry. Refrain:

I had a dream de odder night When ebery ting was still, I thought I saw Susanna A comin down the hill; The buck-wheat cake was in her mouth, The tear was in her eye; Says I, "I'm coming from the South Susanna don't you cry." Refrain:

> I soon will be in New Orleans, And den I'll look around, And when I find Susanna, I will fall upon de ground. And if I do not find her, Dis darkie'll surely die, And when I'm dead and buried, Susanna, don't you cry. Refrain:

Refrain: Oh! Susanna, Oh don't you cry for me, I've come from Alabama Wid my banjo on my knee. Stephen Foster wrote the original lyrics in 1847.

I come from Alabama With my banjo on my knee I'm going to Louisiana, My true love for to see

It rained all night The day I left The weather it was dry The sun so hot, I froze to death Susanna, don't you cry

Oh, Susanna, Oh don't you cry for me For I come from Alabama With my banjo on my knee

I had a dream the other night When everything 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 the south Susanna, don't you cry

Oh, Susanna, Oh don't you cry for me For I come from Alabama With my banjo on my knee