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Allegro moderato

The piano introduction is in 2/4 time, marked 'Allegro moderato'. It features a rhythmic bass line in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The piece begins with a forte (f) dynamic and includes several triplet figures.

I nev-er cared a-bout the

The piano accompaniment for the first vocal line is marked 'Vamp' and 'mp'. It consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a more active right hand with chords and moving lines. The dynamic changes to piano (p) in the final measure of this system.

dra-ma, _____ The dra-ma always got my "ham-mer," _____

The piano accompaniment for the second vocal line continues the vamp pattern. It features a consistent eighth-note bass line and a right hand with chords and melodic fragments. The dynamic remains piano (p).

I came from sunny A-la - bama, _____ Home of the Min - strel

The piano accompaniment for the third vocal line continues the vamp pattern. It features a consistent eighth-note bass line and a right hand with chords and melodic fragments. The dynamic remains piano (p).

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show _____ I think rev - ues are al - ways "bloomers" _____

They all de - pend up - on cos - tum - ers _____ You can have _____ the plays

That are all _____ the craze, At two dol - lars a throw _____

CHORUS

I'd rath - - er see a min - strel show, Than an -

p f

- y oth - er show I know, Oh! those com - ic - al folks

With their rid - dles and jokes Here is the rid -

- dle that I love the best. "Why does a chic - ken go?"

You know the rest I'd pawn my o - ver - coat and vest To see a

min - - strel show. show.