Black Bottom

Annette Hanshaw

Oh, the black bottom of the Swanee river
Sometimes like to shake and shiveer,
But it makes the darkies feel like struttin' around, I watchin'!
They found a way to imitate it;
I know they exaggerate it,
But I wish that you could see the dance that they found!
Every high brown gal and her bon-bon buddy
Go down where the tracks are muddy
To do a step that soon will be renowned!

They call it black bottom, a new twister,
Sure got 'em, oh sister!
They clap their hands and do a raggedy trot, it's hot!
Old fellows with lumbago,
With high yellers, away they go!
They jump right in and give it all that they've got!

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Start in to squirm,
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Just like a worm!

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You go with 'em!
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