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: