To the lady with the brown hair, red lips, black eyes and tender heart

My Lady

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Refrain by W. M. C.

Voices

Sadly - In moderate time

Piano

1. De breeze is blow-in'
2. Ob co'ose I knows dat

cross-a de bay, My La-dy, my La-dy! De ship hit takes me

you'll be true, My La-dy, my La-dy! But den I doan' know

far-a way, My La-dy, my La-dy! Of mars' done sol' me

what to do, My La-dy, my La-dy! I knowed some day we'd

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down-a de stream,  Dey tell me 'tain't so  bad as hit seems,  
have to part,  But den it put' nigh breaks my heart,  

But day an' night ob you... I'll dream, My La-dy... my La-dy!...
I jes' can't sing 'cause tears will start, My La-dy... my La-dy!...

Refrain
Brighter, but tenderly

1-2. La-dy, la-dy wid de hair ob brown, Curl-in' roun',

fall-in' down, Lips as red as ru-by lips kin be, jes' seems to

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Slower-with deeper pathos

3. De day is long, de night is black, My Lady, my Lady!

I know you'll wait 'till I come back, My Lady, my Lady!

I'll stan' de ship, I'll stan' de chain, I'll stan' de sun-shine same as de rain,

But I'll come back to you a-gain, My Lady, my Lady!
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fall-in' down, Lips as red as ru-by lips kin be, Jes'seems to

be a-say-in', Come on, hon-ey, tas'e ob me! Eyes as black as an-y

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blue-black coal, Seem to draw my ver-y heart an' soul;

Will you miss me when I'm far a-way, O my Lady, my Lady, my

Lady?