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Possum (medium voice and piano)

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Sling Along

Sling a-long, sling a-long, sling a-long.

de moon done riz, dem eyes o' his, done sight ed you, where you stopped to woo.

Sling a-long, sling a-long, it ain't no use fu' to try to hide, de moon-beam al-lus

at your side, he hang f'om de fence, he drap f'om de limb, dey ain't no use be-in'

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skeer'd o' him, sling a-long, sling a-long.

Sling a-long, sling a-long, sling a-long. de brook hit flow, fu'to let you know.

_ dat he saw dat kiss, an' he know yo' bliss _ Sling a-long, sling a-long. He

run by yo' side, an' he say how-dy-do, he ain't gwine to tell but his eye's on
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you, you kin lay all yo' trou-bles on de ve-ry high-est she'f, fu' de lit-tle ol' brook's jes' a-

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talk-in' to his se'f, sling a-long, sling a-long. Sling a-long, sling a-long.

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Sling a-long, sling a-long, sling a-long, de

80'
pos-sum grin, but he run lak sin, he know love's sweet, but he prize his meat. Sling a-
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long, sling a - long. He know you'd stop fu' to hunt his hide, if you los'a kiss and a hug be- side, but de

feas' will come, an' de folks will eat, when she tek yo' han' at de al - tah

seat. So sling a - long, sling a - long, sling a - long. Sling a - long, sling a - long. Sling a - long, sling a-

ritardando a piacere

long. Slinga - long, slinga - long. Sling a - long, sling a - long.
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Possum

\( \text{\textit{a piacere}} \)

\( \text{\textit{mf}} \)

\( \text{\textit{47x244}} \)

1. Ef dey's a-ny-t'ing dat rules me an' jes' gets me out o' hitch.

2. twell I want to tek my coat off, so's to r'ar an'tar an' pitch, hit's to

3. fu' to see dem fool-ish peo-ple tho-win' way de fin-es' palt. W'y, dat

4. see some ig-nant white man mit-tin' dat ow-da-cious sin, w'en he want to cook a

5. skin is jes' ez ten-dah an' ez jui-cy ez kin be; I knows all a-bout de

6. pos-sum tek - in' off de pos-sum skin. W'y dey

7. crit-ter hide and haih-don't talk to me!
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Possum skin is jes' like shoat skin, jes' you swing an' scrope it down, tek a good sha'p knife an' scro' it, den you bake it good an' brown. Huh-uh! hon-ey, you's so happy. dat yo' thoughts is 'mos' a sin, when you's set-tin' dah a-chaw-in' on dat pos-sum's crack-lin' skin... on dat pos-sum's crack-lin' skin.
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White folks 'nk dey know 'bout eat-in' and I reck-on dat dey do, some-times

get a lit-tle i-dee of a mied-lin' dish er two; but dey ain't a t'ing dey

knows of dat I reck-on cain't be beat, w'en we set down at de ta-ble to a

un-skin pos-sum's meat! to a un-skin pos-sum's meat!

circa 2' 25"