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The Lawyers' Way (medium voice and piano)

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I've been list' nin' to them lawyers in the court house up the street,
an' I've come to the conclusion that I'm most completely
beat. Fust one fel-ler riz to ar- gy, an’ he
bold-ly wad-ed in as he dressed the trem-blin’ pris’ner in a
coat o’ deep-dyed sin. Why, he
paint-ed him all o-ver in a hue o’ black-est crime.
an' he smeared his reputation with the thickest kind of grime,
and dim, I found myself a-won'drin', in a misty way and dim, how the Lord had come to fashion such an awful man as him.
Then the other lawyer started, an' with brimmin', tearful eyes, said his client was a martyr that was brought to sacrifice. An' he give to that same prisoner ev'ry blessed human grace, tell I
saw the light o' virtue shinin' from his face.

Then I own 'at I was

puzzled how such things could rightly be; an' this aggravatin'

question seems to keep a-puzzlin' me.
So, will someone please inform me, an' this mystery—

unroll— how an angel an' a devil can perish the same soul?—

can perhaps the same soul?
I've been list'n' to them lawyers in the court house up the street, an'I've come to the conclusion that I'm most completely beat. ...most completely beat. ...list'n'to them lawyers... circa 3'35"