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\[ \text{\textit{Noddin' By The Fire}} \]

\[ \text{\textit{Semplice, rubato a piaicere}} \]

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Some folks t'inks hit 's right an' tiah - ed out a -

p'o- pah. soon ez bed-time comes er - roun'. fu' to scram - ble to de
hoe - n'. er a - fol - low - in' de plough. whut's de use of des a -

ki - ver. lak dey'dyehed de trum - pet soun'. But dese peo - ple dey all miss
fal - lin' on yo' pal - let lak a cow? W'y, de fun us all in wait

es, whut I mos'ly does de - siah; dat's de set-tin' roun'. an' do - zin' an' a -
in' in de face of all de tiah, an' a - doz - in' and a - drow-sin' by a
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nod-din' by the fiah.    A - nod-din' by the fiah.
good ol' hick'ry fiah.  A good ol' hick'ry fiah.

When you's Oh, you grunts an' groans an' mum bles case yo'
bones is full o' col'. Dough you feels de joy a-trick-lin' roun' de co' nahs of yo' soul.__ An' you

'low a no-thah min-ute_ 's to git you wa'm an' dryah, w'en you set up pas' yo' bed-time, case you
You can't de hou ahs - too short en tiah, -

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hates to leave de fiah. Whut's de use o' down-right sleep-in'? ___ You can't

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feel it while it las', ___ an' you git up feel - in' sor-ry___ we, de time fu' it has pas'.

Seem to me dat time too pre- cious, ___ an' de hou-ahs too short en - tiah, ___ fu' to

sleep, w'en you could spen' em___ des a-nod-din' by de fiah. ___ A-nod-din' by the fiah.

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\textbf{circa 4'35''}

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