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Christmus Is A-Comin' (medium voice and piano)

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slip-pin' down at night. Jes' keep t'ings a-hum-in',
right on th'oo you' face down a - mong yo' feel-ins:
spite o' fros' an' sho-wahs. Chris-mus is a-com-in' an'
jes' 'pears lak dat you got to change you' deal-ins.
al de week is ouahs. so's to tell 'em true.

Chris-mus is a-com-in' Chris-mus is a-com-in'
Come hyeah, Mam-my Jin-ny, come an' tek a peep. Ol'

Mas' Bob an' Mis-sis in dey house up daih got no
Chile lak\_ dis\_ is,\_ d'aint none a\_ ny\_ whaih.\_\_\_

Christmas is a-comin'\_\_ Christmas is a-comin'\_\_\_

Christmas is a-comin'\_ an' all de week\_ is\_\_

ouahs.\_\_\_\_ Christmas...\_\_\_\_ Sleep my little lam-\_ my,\_

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sleep, you little limb, he do' know whut mam-my done

saved up fu' him. Chrismus is a-comin'

come prima

Chris-mus... Dey'll be ban-jo pick-in'

dancin' all night thoo. Dey'll be lots o' chicken,
plenty tuk-ky, too._ Drams to wet yo' whistles_

so's to drive out the chills._ What I keer fu' driz-zles_

fall-in' on de hills?_ Jes' keep t'ings a-hum-min'

spite o' col' an' show-ahs._ Chris-mus is a-com-in' an'
all de week is_ ouahs.

Chris - mus_ is a - com - in_  Chris - mus_ is a - com - in_

Chris - mus_ is a - com - in_ an' all de week_ is

ouahs._____  Chris - mus...______  Chris-mus._

circa 4' 30"

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