

Key: G

♩ = 85

# Rose of Alabama

(original song)

*Tune apparently by A.F. Winnemore (and his Band of Seranaders);  
original lyrics (modified here) by S.S. Steele; copyright © 1851.  
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*Not a song about lost love, but rather about a lost banjo.*

Verse:

Musical notation for the Verse of "Rose of Alabama". The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (C). The music is written on a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are: "1. A - way from Mis - sis - sip - pi's vale, with my old hat — for a sail, I  
2. I land - ed on the sand - y bank, I sat up - on a hol - low plank, And  
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crossed up - on a cot - ton bale, to Rose of Al - a - - ba - ma.  
there I made the ban - jo twank, for Rose of Al - a - - ba - ma."

Chorus:

Musical notation for the Chorus of "Rose of Alabama". The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is common time (C). The music is written on a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are: "9  
Oh, brown Ro - sey, The Rose of Al - - a - - ba - ma, A  
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sweet to - bac - co po - sey is the Rose of Al - - a - - ba - ma; A  
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sweet to - bac - co pos - ey is the Rose of Al - - a - - ba - ma. (D.S.) (To repeat tune)"

3. And as I sat there, by and bye, the moon rose, white as Rosey's eye,  
Then like a rac-coon, out so sly, stole Rose of Alabama.
4. I asked her to sit where she pleased, so across my legs she took her ease.  
"It's good to sit upon your knees," said Rose of Alabama.
5. The river rolls, the crickets sing, the lightning bug he flashed his wing,  
And like a rope, my arms I fling, 'round Rose of Alabama.
6. I hugged so long I cannot tell, for Rosey seemed to like it well;  
My banjo in the river fell; Oh, Rose of Alabama!
7. Like an alligator after prey I plunged in, but it floated away,  
But all the time it seemed to say "Oh, Rose of Alabama."
8. And every night, in moon or shower, to hunt that banjo for an hour;  
I meet my sweet tobacco flower, my Rose of Alabama.

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