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**I** PLAYS de banjo better now  
Dan him dat taught me do,  
Because he plays for all de worl',  
An' I jes' plays for you.

He learns his chunes — I jes' lets down  
A banjo-string or two  
Into de deepest of my heart,  
An' draws up chunes for you.

Slowly dey comes swingin' up,  
A-quiv'rin' through an' through,  
Till wid a rush of tinglin' notes  
Dey reaches light — an' you.

I never knows if dey will shine  
Wet wid tears or dew;  
I only knows dat, dew or tears,  
Dey shine because of you.

HOWARD WEEDEN

# Bandanna Ballads

## A Banjo Song

Words\* by  
Howard Weeden

Sidney Homer. Op. 22, N<sup>o</sup> 4  
Original key

Molto moderato With marked rhythm

Voice *mf* I plays de ban - jo bet - ter now Dan

Piano *mf* *legato*

him dat taught me do, Be - case he plays for

*cresc. rit.* all de worl', An' I jes' plays\_ for you. He *f a tempo*

*cresc. rit.* *a tempo*

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*with increasing ardor*

learns his chunes— I jes' lets down A ban - jo-string or

two In - to de deep-est of my heart, An' draws up chunes for

*cresc. rit.*

*cresc. rit.*

you. Slow - ly dey comes swing-in' up, A -

*ff a tempo*

*ff a tempo*

quiv' - rin' through an' through, Till wid a rush of tin - glin' notes Dey

*cresc. rit.* reach - es light... an' you. *with emotion ff a tempo* I nev - er knows if

*cresc. rit.* *ff a tempo*

dey will shine... Wet wid tears or dew; I

*dim. e rit.* on - ly knows dat, dew or tears, Dey shine be-case of you, dey *tenderly p lento*

*dim. e rit.* *p lento*

*dim.* shine be-case of you, *rit.* of you. *pp*

*dim.* *rit.* *pp*