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DEY LOV'D EACH OTHER all the while.

Sung by MISS BESSIE WENTWORTH.

Dere's been a darkey's weddin', and de lamps der lights am sheddin'.
And de sound of music ringin' in the air :
To de barn dance all invited, coons an' gals hab come delighted,
But Dinah an' her Peter am not dere.

Dey've had a little quarrel on de way, dem two,
An' in a sulky silence—just as white folks do—
Dey've stood beside de stile for quite an hour or so,
Till feelin' dat she'll burst unless she soon lets go—

Chorus.—“ Ain't you goin' to de dance ? ” says Dinah,
“ Don't care if I do ! ” says Pete.
“ Den I shall go alone ! ” says Dinah,
“ Would if I was you ! ” says Pete.
Den away, oh ! mighty proud, goes Dinah,
Leavin' Peter sittin' smilin' on de stile ;
But nex' minute she was cryin', and poor Peter was a sighin'.
For dey loved each other all de while.

A nigger had been waitin', an' his heart goes palpitatin',
Seein' Dinah comin' in widout her Pete ;
'Cross goes Jake at once to meet her, an' as if dere was no Peter,
Soon dey're dancin', and she's smilin' oh ! so sweet.
She thinks dat Peter's dere an' watchin' what she'll do,
And all de while he's dancin' wid her rival—Sue ;
Den as de figure changes all at once dey meet,
An' thinkin' dat her triumph now is quite complete—

Chorus.—“ I'm not goin' to dance wid you ! ” says Dinah,
“ I didn't ask you to ! ” says Pete ;
“ I'm happier with Jake ! ” says Dinah,
“ And so am I with Sue ! ” says Pete ;
Den away again goes Pete an' Dinah,
But nex' minute, though dey parted with a smile,
She was cryin' on a sandwich, Peter usin' drefful language,
For dey loved each other all de while.

And when de dancin' ended, as dere homeward way dey wended—
Sue an' Peter, goin' froo de old cane brake,
In de dark, somehow or oder, missed an' strayed from one anoder—
An Dinah got divided too from Jake.
An' den while Jake an' Suey in dat spot alone
Were left to search an' wonder where dey both had flown—
Though neither of 'em seemed at all surprised to meet—
So happy—walkin' straight into de arms of Pete—

Chorus.—“ Ain't you goin' home, den, with Sue ? ” says Dinah—
“ No ; I'm going home wid you ! ” says Pete ;
“ But what about poor Jake ? ” says Dinah—
“ Oh, he can look for Sue ! ” says Pete.
Den silence fell roun' Pete and Dinah—
An' from all de oders waiting at the stile
For an hour dey was missin', I don't say dat dey was kissin',
But dey loved each other all the while.