

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

School Spirit

“Lay Down Body”

Performed by Bertha Smith (lead singer)

Lay down body,
Lay down a little while.
Lay down body,
Lay down a little while.

Oh my body now,
Lay down a little while.
Oh body,
Lay down a little while.

Lay down in the graveyard,
Lay down a little while.
Lay down in the graveyard,
Lay down a little while.

Just keep a rolling,
Lay down a little while.
Just keep a rolling,
Lay down a little while.

My observations: _____

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School Spirit (CONTINUED)

“Been in the Storm So Long”

Performed by Mary Pinckney

I been in the storm so long.
You know I been in the storm so long,
Singing, Oh Lord, give me more time to pray.
I been in the storm so long.

My observations: _____

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School Spirit (CONTINUED)

“Where Is Brother Robbins?”

WOMAN: Where is brother Robbins?

ALL: He’s a-gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone.

WOMAN: I seen him in the mornin’ with his work clothes on.

ALL: But he’s gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone.

MAN: And I seen him in the noontime straight and tall,
But death a-come a-walkin’ in the evenin’ fall.

ALL: And he’s gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone.

WOMAN: And death touched Robbins with a silver knife.

ALL: And he’s gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone.

MAN: And he’s sittin’ in the garden by the tree of life.

ALL: And he’s gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone, gone.
Robbins is gone, gone, gone, etc.

My observations: _____

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“Oh, Doctor Jesus”

SERENA: (*gets down on knees*) Oh, doctor Jesus, who done trouble the water in the Sea of Gallerie.

PORGY: (*shouted*) Amen!

SERENA: And likewise who done cast de devil out of the afflicted time and time again.

PORGY: Time and time again.

PETER: (*shouted*) Oh, my Jesus!

SERENA: Oh, doctor Jesus, what make you ain't lay your hand on this poor sister head?

LILY: Oh, my father!

SERENA: And chase the devil out of her down a steep place into the sea like you used to do time and time again.

PORGY: Time and time again. (*spoken*) Oh, my Jesus!

My observations: _____
