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c. 2 minutes

PROGRAM NOTE:

This arrangement of *Camptown Races* was written for the 2009 Conference of the North Central American Choral Directors Association, a contribution to their songbook entitled *A Community That Sings!* which aims to breathe new life into the waning tradition of singing folksongs together. The deceptively simple requirements turned out to be unexpectedly challenging: "not complicated, interesting, musical, singable as a unison piece, optional harmony, optional obbligato instrument, relatively short..." I took them to mean an arrangement that could be sung anywhere, without an accompanying keyboard instrument, hence the "Rules of the Game:"

- singers are divided into Leaders and Group
- Group members can become Leaders as soon as they feel comfortable doing so
- there are optional two- and four-part settings for the later verses and choruses

It is my hope that this arrangement will indeed be useful as an especially interesting audience sing-along.

CAMPTOWN RACES – Stephen Foster

The Camptown ladies sing this song.
Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
The Camptown racetrack five miles long.
Oh, doo-dah day!

I went down there with my hat caved in,
Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
I come back home with a pocket full o' tin.
Oh, de doo-dah day!

refrain: Gonna run all night.
 Gonna run all day.
 I bet my money on the bob-tailed nag,
 Somebody bet on the bay.

Oh, the long-tailed filly and the big black hoss,
Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
They come to a mud hole, they all cut across.
Oh, doo-dah day!

The blind hoss stickin' in a big mud hole,
Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
'E can't touch bottom with a ten-foot pole.
Oh, de doo-dah day!

refrain

Oh, the old muley cow come on the track,
Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
The bob-tail fling her over his back.
Oh, doo-dah day!

They fly along like a railroad car.
Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
They runnin' a race with a shootin' star.
Oh, de doo-dah day!

refrain

Oh, I win my money on the bob-tailed nag.
Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
I keep my money in an old tow bag.
Oh, doo-dah day!

Y' see them hosses round the bend,
Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
I guess that race'll never end.
Oh, de doo-dah day!

refrain

Camptown Races

Stephen Foster
arr. Carol Barnett

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Leader f Doo - dah!

Group f Doo - dah! (1/2 group)
Doo - dah!

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L. Doo - dah! (other 1/2 group) Doo - dah! Doo - dah! Doo - dah!

G. Doo - dah! (all) Doo - dah! Doo - dah!

12 Verse 1

L. Doo - dah! The Camp - town la - dies sing this song, the

G. Doo - dah! Doo - dah! Doo - dah!

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L. Camp-town race-track five miles long. I went down there with my hat caved in,

G. Oh, doo-dah day!

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L. I come back home with a pock-et full o' tin.

G. Doo-dah! Doo-dah! Oh, de doo - dah day!

29 Refrain

L. Gon - na run all night. Yes! Gon - na run all day. Hey! I bet my mon-ey on the bob-tailed nag,

G. Gon - na run all night. Gon - na run all day. I bet my mon-ey on the bob-tailed nag,

Optional 2-Part Refrain and Verses 2, 3 & 4

29 **Refrain**

S.(T) Gon - na run all night. I'm gon - na run all day. I bet my mon-ey on the

A.(B) Gon - na run all night. I'm gon - na run all day. I bet my mon-ey on the

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S.(T) bob - tailed nag, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. Doo - dah! Doo - dah,

A.(B) bob - tailed nag, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. Doo - dah! Doo - dah! Doo - dah!

39 **Verses 2, 3, 4**

S.(T) oop! Oh, the long - tailed fil - ly and the big black hoss, Doo-dah! Doo - dah! they
Oh, the old mu - ley cow come on the on the track, on the track, the
Oh, I win my mon - ey on the bob - tailed nag, I

A.(B) — Oh, the long - tailed mu - ley fil - ly and the big black hoss, Doo-dah! Doo - dah! they
Oh, the old win my mon - ey on the bob - tailed nag, I

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S.(T) come to a mud fling hole, they all o - ver his a - cross. Oh, doo - dah day! The
bob - tail a fling her in an old tow bag. back. They
keep my mon - ey in an old tow bag. Y'

A.(B) come to a mud fling hole, they all o - ver his a - cross. Oh, doo - dah day! The
bob - tail my mon - ey in an old tow bag. back. They
keep my mon - ey in an old tow bag. Y'


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S.(T) blind hoss stick - in' in a big mud hole, Doo - dah! Doo - dah! 'e
fly a - long like a rail - road car, they
see them hoss - es a round the bend, I

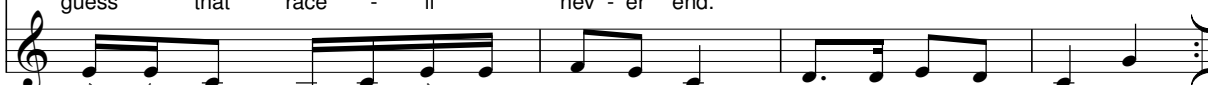
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S.(T)  back to Refrain

can't touch bot - tom with a ten - foot pole. Oh, de doo - dah day! Oh,
run - nin' a race race - 'll a shoot - in' star.
guess that race - 'll a nev - er end.

A.(B)  back to Refrain

can't touch bot - tom with a ten - foot pole. Oh, de doo - dah day! Oh,
run - nin' a race race - 'll a shoot - in' star.
guess that race - 'll a nev - er end.

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S.(T) 

some - bo - dy bet on, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. ———

A.(B) 

some - bo - dy bet on, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. ———

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Optional 4-Part Refrain and Verses 3 & 4

29

S. Run, _____ gon - na run all night, run all day. — I bet my mon-ey on the

A. Gon - na run all night. Gon - na run all day. — I bet my mon-ey on the

T. Run, _____ gon - na run all night, run all day. — I bet my mon-ey on the

B. Gon - na run all night. Gon - na run all day. — I bet my mon-ey on the

34

S. bob - tailed nag, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. Doo - dah! — Doo - dah, —

A. bob - tailed nag, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. Doo - dah! — Doo - dah, —

T. bob - tailed nag, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. Doo - dah! — Doo - dah, —

B. bob - tailed nag, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. Doo - dah! — Doo - dah! — Doo - dah, —

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Verses 3 & 4

S. — oop! Oh, the old mul - ey cow come on the track, Doo - dah! Doo - dah! — the
Oh, I win my mon - ey on the bob - tailed nag, I

A. — oop!

T. — oop! Oh, the old mul - ey cow come on the track, Doo - dah! Doo - dah! — the
Oh, I win my mon - ey on the bob - tailed nag, I

B. — oop! Oh, Doo - dah! —

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44

S. bob - tail my fling her o - ver his back. Oh, doo - dah day! They
keep my mon - ey in an old tow bag. Y'

A.

T. bob - tail my fling her o - ver his back. Oh, doo - dah day! They
keep my mon - ey in an old tow bag. Y'

B.

48

S. fly a - long like a rail - road car, Doo - dah! Doo - dah! they
see them hoss - es round the bend, |

A.

T. fly a - long like a rail - road car, Doo - dah! Doo - dah! they
see them hoss - es round the bend, |

B.

52

S. run - nin' a race with a shoot - in' star. Oh, de doo - dah day! Oh, back to Refrain
guess that race - 'll nev - er end. |

A.

T. run - nin' a race with a shoot - in' star. Oh, de doo - dah day! Oh, back to Refrain
guess that race - 'll nev - er end. |

B.

56

S. some - bo - dy bet on the bay. _____

A. some - bo - dy bet on, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. _____

T. some - bo - dy bet on, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. _____

B. some - bo - dy bet on, some - bo - dy bet on the bay. _____