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HOW BRER WOLF CAUGHT BRER RABBIT

One night Brer Rabbit went to Brer Wolf cabbage patch to steal cabbage. Brer Wolf been missing his cabbage long time, so he took and set a trap that swung up high in the air. So when Brer Rabbit got his bag of cabbage and started home he got caught in the trap.

By and by, Brer Possum, he come by, and Brer Rabbit he begin to sing, "Swing high, I see up in Heaven! Swing high, I see up in Heaven."

Brer Possum say, "What you doing there, Brer Rabbit?"

"Lord, man, I can see way up in Heaven. Don't you want to see? Pull down that stick and you can see too."

Brer Possum pull down the stick and up the trap went. Brer Possum begun to sing, "Swing high, I don't see no Heaven. Swing high, I don't see no Heaven."

By and by, Brer Wolf came to the patch and when he seed Brer Possum, he say, "I catch you! You been eating my cabbage."

When Brer Possum went to explain, Brer Rabbit broke out, "Mash his mouth, Brer Wolf! He giving you impudence." Blip! Brer Wolf hit him in the mouth. "Look at him, Brer Wolf! He making faces at you; hit him again."

After Brer Wolf got through with Brer Possum and took him down, Brer Rabbit he gone home with the cabbage.

Then Brer Wolf allowed that he was going to get even with Brer Rabbit, and Brer Possum and Brer Fox allow that they'll join with him, so they gave a supper and invites Brer Rabbit and say that he going to kill him.

Brer Rabbit grab up he banjo and say, "Do, Brer Wolf, let me play one more tune before I die." Then he begin to play, "I have a fing fang, fing fang, finger. I have a fing fang, fing fang finger! Boo. I can't half play unless'n I have some cake and wine." Then Brer Fox give him some cake and wine.

Then he sang "Re-o-be Rabbit, Brack-eye Rabbit, Re-o-be Rabbit, O." All that time he was getting to the door.

By and by he allowed that he want a little air, that he can't half play without more air. All the folks was carried away over the music, 'cause Brer Rabbit was the best singer going, so they move from before the door.

Then Brer Rabbit say, "Let's all dance," so they all dance round the room, and when Brer Rabbit got to the door he jump out.

Brer Wolf say, "Catch him! Catch him!"

Brer Rabbit hollered, "Why didn't you catch me when you had me?"

Then he just took out for home.