

Song Title: **ROLL ON, MISSISSIPPI, ROLL ON**

Rating: **YES: Note**

REVIEWERS' NOTE

SAT SUBCOMMITTEE NOTES

Reevaluation: Dec 9, 2021: change from **NO** to **YES: Note**

Roll On, Mississippi, Roll On was originally deemed inadmissible due to the lyrics containing the words “ol man river.” Upon reconsideration, it was determined that the lyrics refer simply to the Mississippi River in that, thematically, there is no relation to the song, *Ol’ Man River*. While the song and the show from which it originates, *Showboat*, might be brought to mind, this in and of itself does not cause *Roll On, Mississippi, Roll On* to be inadmissible.

Performers should note that while both *Ol’ Man River* and *Showboat* have been criticized for potential racist content, the issue is nuanced. While we have not evaluated *Ol’ Man River*, please see the research document for [Can’t Help Lovin’ That Man of Mine](#) for reviewers’ notes on *Showboat*.

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Please stay tuned for the Research portion of this doc. Apologies! We’ve had a technical snafu in which hundreds of docs were deleted and we are currently going through the painstaking process of recreating them. *We appreciate your patience.*