

Camptown Races

Stephen Foster 1850's

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Camptown Races' in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on G4. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff features a change in harmony to C major for two measures. The fourth staff concludes the piece. Chord symbols G, D, and C are placed above the notes to indicate the accompaniment.

The Camptown ladies sing this song, Doo-da, Doo-da
The Camptown racetrack's five miles long, Oh, de doo-da day

Chorus Goin' to run all night, Goin' to run all day
I bet my money on a bob-tailed nag, Somebody bet on the gray

Oh, the long tailed filly and the big black horse, Doo-da, doo-da
Come to a mud hole and they all cut across, Oh, de doo-da day - Chorus

I went down there with my hat caved in, Doo-da, doo-da
I came back home with a pocket full of tin, Oh, de doo-da day - Chorus

The long tail filly and the big black hoss, Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
They fly the track and they both cut across, Oh! de doo-dah day! - Chorus

The blind hoss sticken in a big mud hole, Doo-dah! doo-dah!
Can't touch bottom with a ten foot pole, Oh! de doo-dah day! - Chorus

Old muley cow come on to the track, Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
The bob-tail fling her over his back, Oh! de doo-dah day! - Chorus

Then fly along like a rail-road car, Doo-dah! doo-dah!
Runnin' a race with a shootin' star, Oh! de doo-dah day! - Chorus

See them flyin' on a ten mile heat, Doo-dah! Doo-dah!
Round the race track, then repeat, Oh! doo-dah day! - Chorus

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