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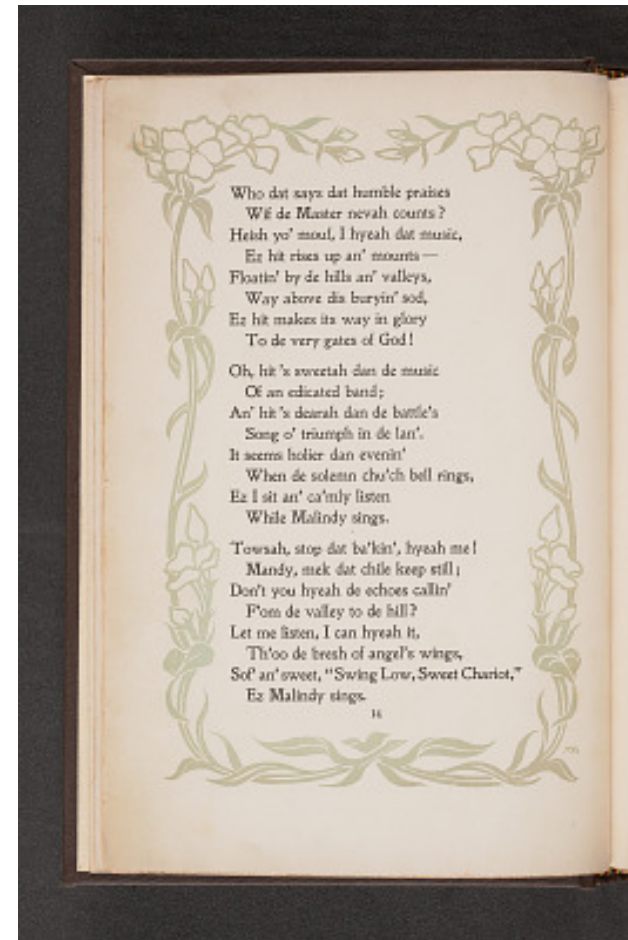
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Who dat says dat humble praises
 Wif de Master nevah counts?
 Heish yo' mouf, I hyeah dat music,
 Ez hit rises up an' mounts -
 Floatin' by de hills an' valleys,
 Way above dis buryin' sod,
 Ez hit makes its way in glory
 To de very gates of God!

O, hit's sweetah dan de music
 Of an edicated band;
 An' hit's dearah dan de battle's
 Song o' triumph in de lan'.
 It seems holier dan evenin'
 When de solemn chu'ch bell rings,
 Ez I sit an' ca'mly listen
 While Malindy sings.

Towsah, stop dat ba'kin', hyeah me!
 Mandy, mek dat chile keep still;
 Don't you hyeah de echoes callin'
 F'om de valley to de hill?
 Let me listen, I can hyeah it,
 Th'oo de bresh of angel's wings,
 Sof' an' sweet, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,"
 Ez Malindy sings.

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