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Moderato con espressione.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 2/4 time, marked 'Moderato con espressione'. The first system features a piano introduction with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second system continues the piano introduction with a piano (*p*) dynamic, a 'poco rit.' (slightly ritardando) section, and a mezzo-forte (*mf*) section. The third system introduces the vocal melody with two verses: '1. Night-shades creep-in', an' 2. Mah lil' blos-som, to'. The piano accompaniment is marked 'a tempo' and 'p' (piano). The fourth system contains the vocal lyrics: 'day am done, Hush - a - bye, close dat eye!' and 'sleep mus' go, Hush - a - bye, close dat eye!'. The piano accompaniment continues with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic.

Stars am peep-in' out one by one, Hush - a-bye, close dat eye! See the
 Play-in' 'pos-sum, won't do yo' know, Hush - a-bye, close dat eye! Sly ole

mf

shad-ows deep-er grow-in' While de ebe-nin' breeze am blow-in', An' to
 fox in wait am ly-in', Foh to ketch yer when yo's cry-in', But dar

sleep mah ba-by's go-in', Hush - a - bye, close dat eye!
 haint no use him try-in', Hush - a - bye, close dat eye!

(with closed mouth.)
 Hm _____ Hush - a - bye, Hm _____ close dat eye!
 Hm _____ Hush - a - bye, Hm _____ close dat eye!

p poco meno mosso.

Refrain.

Down up - on de ole plan - ta - tion in Vir - gin - ny, When de

mf *a tempo.*

sum - mer sun am sink - in' in de Wes, Den I

takes him an' I rocks, mah pic - a - nin - y An'

lulls him heah in mam - my's arms to res, Dere's de

poco rit.

mawk - in' bird a - call - in' in de cõhn - field, An' de

a tempo.

hoot - in' owls a - mong de pine - trees fly, So

sleep mah son - ney mah ba - by hon - ey, Hush - a -

p rall. *a tempo.*

bye, Close dat eye! close dat eye!

rit. *D. C.*