

Let's Be Gay - song lyrics

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Let's be gay and banish sorrow, all our work is done to-day,
Laugh and sing until tomorrow, 'tis the nigger's holiday;
In the morning out we go to de wood to chop and de corn to hoe,
Our hearts are free, and our spirits bright,
And we'll dance wid de gals till de broad daylight.
Let's be gay and banish sorrow, &c. I

Strike the banjo, strike it gaily, bones and tambourine now play,
Fiddle, you shall bow more gaily, 'tis the nigger's holiday;
To the merry banjo play we'll dance all thought of sorrow away;
Our hearts are free, our spirits bright,
And we'll dance wid de gals till morning light.
Strike the banjo, strike it gaily, &c.