

The Magnolia Of Tennessee - song lyrics

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THE MAGNOLIA OF TENNESSEE.

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On the Mississippi River, in the State of Tennessee,
Where the magnolia fragrance you inhale,
Where the steamboats are a-screaming, and the darkies am a-singing
As they roll on board the old cotton bale.
Everything was bright And glorious in dat dear sunny land
Where I used to hoe amongst the sugar cane.
Old Tennessee's had trouble with pestilence and flood.
Still the magnolia blooms just the same.

Chorus.

The magnolia, the magnolia, the magnolia of old Tennessee;

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Old massa used to tell us dat dis world goes 'round and 'round,
And many changes happen in one year;
We can tell how 'tis at present, but we know not what we may be,
And Emancipation Day was mighty near.
Yet brave old Tennessee, with her magnolia groves,
Her cotton, her tobacco and her corn,
Stood as haughty us a peacock, for dat am de State
Where old General Hickory Jackson was born.- Chorus.