I Want A Real Coon - song lyrics

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Dar's a good-for-nuthin' ragged coon comes 'roun' a-courtin' me. And I'm 'most ashamed he has the cheek to call: 'Cos' he tries to put on heaps of style when he's a sight to see, He's got nuthin' to his name, but lots of gall. I've a told him he will never do, he am not good enough. I've a-told him he's a would-be, nuthin' more, An' he knows I'm on to him, 'cos' he can't get in the swim, And dar's many a time I've told him at de door:

Chorus.

I want a real coon, handsome, genteel coon, Coon like my own relations, I don't want no imitations, Some coon dat's haughty, swell dressed and sporty, A real coon dis gal am waitin' for.

Now I wants to have a real coon like the swell coons that I see, I've a-seen 'em at the theatre all life long;
They will dance around upon the stage with clothes 'way up in O,
An' they take me clear to heaben with a song.
But the coons aroun' my neighborhood, they don't dress up a bit.
Oh, compared to dem stage folks the rest are jays;
So I'm willin', eb'ry time, to give up my little dime,
Jes' to watch the real coon with his winnin' ways.-Chorus.