

# Brer Rabbit, you's de cutes' of 'em all

James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

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♩ = 100

The musical score is written for piano in 6/8 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system (measures 1-3) begins with a forte (f) dynamic. The second system (measures 4-6) features a key signature change to one flat (Bb) and includes a repeat sign. The third system (measures 7-9) continues the piano accompaniment. The fourth system (measures 10-12) includes a mezzo-piano (mp) dynamic and an 8va (octave up) marking. The fifth system (measures 13-15) contains the vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment.

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Once there was a meet - in' in the wil - der - ness, all de crit - ters of cre - a - tion

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dey was dar; Brer Rab-bit, Brer'Pos-sum, Brer Wolf, Brer Fox, King

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Li-on, Mis-ter Ter-ra-pin, Mis-ter Bar.

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De ques-tion fu' dis-cus-sion was, "Who is de big-ges' man?" Dey

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point-ed ole Jedge Owl to de-cide. He po-lished up his spec-ta-cles an'

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put 'em on his nose, an' to the question slow - ly he re - plied: \_

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♩. = 80

"Brer Wolf am might-y cun - ning, Brer

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Fox am might-y sly, Brer Ter-ra-pin an'Pos-sum -- kind - er small, Brer

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Li - on's might-y vi-cious, Brer Bar he's sort-er 'spi-cious, Brer Rab-bit you's de cu-tes' of em'

40  $\text{♩} = 100$

all." "Brer Rab-bit you's de cu-tes' of em' all."

*f*

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"Brer Rab-bit you's de cu-tes' of em' all."

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Dis caused a great con-fu-sion\_'mongst de a-ni-mals,- ev'-y

*mp*

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crit-ter claimed dat he had won de prize; dey 'spu-ted and dey ar-g'ed, dey

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growled an' dey roared, den put-ty soon de dus' be - gin... de dus' be - gin to rise.\_\_\_\_\_

*f*

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Brer Rab-bit he jes stood a - side\_ an'

*mp*

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urged dem on to fight.\_\_\_\_\_ Brer Li-on he\_ mos' tore Brer Bar in two;\_\_\_\_\_ W'en

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dey was all\_ so ti-ahd dat\_ dey could-n't catch\_ der bref, Brer Rab-bit he jes grabbed de

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prize and flew. \_\_\_\_\_ Brer

67  $\text{♩} = 80$

Wolf am\_ might-y cun-ning, Brer Fox am\_ might-y sly, Brer Ter-ra-pin an 'Pos-sum-- kind - er

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small, Brer Li - on's\_ might-y vi - cious, Brer Bar he's\_ sort-er 'spi - cious, Brer

73  $\text{♩} = 100$

Rab-bit you's de cu-tes' of em' all." "Brer Rab - bit you's de cu-tes' of em'

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all." \_\_\_\_\_ "Brer Rab-bit you's de cu-tes' one... de

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cu-tes' one... de cu-tes' one... de cu-tes' one... de cu-tes' of em' all." \_\_\_\_\_

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"Brer Rab-bit you's de cu-tes' one... de cu-tes' one... de cu-tes' one... de

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cu-tes' one...de cu-tes' of em' \_\_\_\_\_ all!" \_\_\_\_\_

circa 3' 40"