

# The First Showboat

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Yeah a mile around the bend down the Ohio  
Comin up the river for the Sunday show  
There's a tuba and a banjo and a steam calliope  
Sittin on the deck of the big paddlewheel  
What a thrill it must have been play in Dixie for the folks  
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Yeah well poppa took the kids, momma took the lunch  
The gents took the belles and the whiskey took the drunks  
But the biggest thrill of all you know it had to be  
Way up front playin steam calliope

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Yeah there's magic in the air riddle in the rhymes  
Slow and easy in the summertime  
Yeah an who'd a ever thought it could come to be  
That Jim Crows flyin where the eagle ought to be