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**That's what the
niggers then will do**

Answer to "Young Eph's lament."

Words by

TOM RUSSELL,

Sung with immense success by **JOHNY ALLEN,**

OF

Arlington, Kelly and Leon's Minstrels.

MUSIC BY

GEO. H. BARTON.

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THATS WHAT THE NIGGERS THEN WILL DO.

GEO. H. BARTON.

Not too fast.

The first system of the piano introduction consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and common time (C). The music features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes in the right hand, and block chords in the left hand.

The second system contains the first line of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is on a single treble staff, and the piano accompaniment is on two staves (treble and bass). The lyrics are: "What will we do when the war breaks the country up And scatters the darkies all a".

The third system contains the second line of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is on a single treble staff, and the piano accompaniment is on two staves (treble and bass). The lyrics are: "round That was the question when the war it first began But".

now the answer has been found, We will work for Un - cle Sam, we will

do the best we can, We bless Old Abe for all that he has done, We have

help'd to save the flag Pull down the trai - tór rag, But now our work is al - most

done Then what are we poor niggers guan to do?

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2.

Niggers would'nt fight so the papers all have told us,
 But I guess as how we've proved ourselves true blue
 We were massacred at Pillow but we made it up at Richmond.
 We were there to see Old Lee surrender too;
 And now this war is over we dont want to live in clover
 All we want's a chance to earn our daily bread
 Give us but the word to do
 And we soon will show to you
 When a nigger wont be drove he can be led
 And you'll see what the niggers then can do.

3.

This war has been a mighty institution for us niggers
 It gave us a chance to show we can do
 The good work has begun if they only will keep at it
 The nigga's will be faithful and be true
 We have proved that we can fight
 Let us learn to read and write
 We doesnt want to hold no place of trust
 You have freed us from our pen
 All we want is to be men
 I am sure that what we ask for is but just
 And the nigga then will be a happy man.