

# Darkness on the Delta

Soprano Baritone

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D E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D  
 Nighttime and shadows are coming my way

A<sup>7</sup> D  
 Southland is at rest

D F<sup>#7</sup> B<sup>7</sup>  
 Nighttime and shadows relieving the day

E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>  
 Nature's at its best

G C<sup>#o</sup>  
 Stars come peeping more and more

D F<sup>#7</sup> B<sup>7</sup>  
 I know where I'm heading' for

E<sup>7</sup>  
 Down where I know love will be

A<sup>7</sup>  
 Down where someone waits for me...

D F<sup>#7</sup>  
 When it's darkness on the Delta,

B<sup>7</sup>  
 That's the time my heart is light.

E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>  
 When it's darkness on the Delta,

D G<sup>7</sup> D (A<sup>7</sup>)  
 Let me linger in the shelter of the night.

D F<sup>#7</sup>  
 Fields of cotton all around me,

B<sup>7</sup>  
 Folks are singin' sweet and low.

E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>  
 Lord, I'm lucky that you found me

D G<sup>7</sup> D  
 Where the muddy Mississippi waters flow.

D<sup>7</sup>  
 Lounging on the levee,

G  
 Listenin' to the Nightingales way up above.

E<sup>7</sup>  
 Laughter on the levee, no one's heart is heavy.

A<sup>7</sup> A<sup>+</sup>  
 All God's children got someone to love.

D F<sup>#7</sup>  
 When it's darkness on the Delta,

B<sup>7</sup>  
 Only Heaven is in sight.

E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>  
 When it's darkness on the Delta,

D G<sup>7</sup> D  
 Let me linger in the shelter of the night.

