Lyrics of the Hearthside.

So dey went an' ast de pastoh ef he could n't mek huh quit,

But de tellin' of de sto'y th'owed de preachah in a fit.

Tildy Taylor chewed huh hank'cher twell she'd chewed it in a hole, —

All de sinnahs was rejoicin' 'cause a lamb had lef' de fol',

An' de las' I seed o' Lucy, she an' 'Lish was side an' side:

I don't blame de gal fu' dancin', an' I could n't ef I tried.

Fu' de men dat wants to ma'y ain't a-growin' roun' on trees,

An de gal dat wants to git one sholy has to try to please.

Hit's a ha'd t'ing fu' a ooman fu' to pray an' jes' set down,

An' to sacafice a husban' so's to try to gain a crown.