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Ain't you kin' o' sad yo'se'f, You little boots? Dis is all his mammy's let', Two little boots. Since huh baby gone an' died, Heav'n itse'f hit seems to hide Des a little bit inside Two little boots.

Here is something in a different vein :

When de win's a-shiverin' Thro de gloomy lane, An' dey comes de pattorin' Of de evenin' rain, W'en de owl's a-hootin', Out daih in de wood, Don't you wish, my honey, Dat you had been good? Taint no use to try to Snuggle up to Dan; Bless you, dat's de callin Of de Boogah Man!

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