

Up rose the Preacher then to teach,
Finding his text, began to preach.
He talked to them of duties many,
And they must leage undone, not any,
His exhortation was most clear,
"That each should do the duty near,
And only those who did partake
Of bread and wine, their souls to wake,
Could take the long white towel neat,
And humbly wash each other's feet.
For that to them was saving power,
That o'er all other things did tower."

The sermon was not very long,
F_or work was there as well as song.
The Sacrament was ready spread -
Soon all did taste the wine and bread.
One bench was turned for privacy,
And in two rows sat modestly
The ladies of the favored few
Who would this worship now go through.
One man/ and woman then were placed,
With towels girded round each waist,
And each one to their kind was sent,
That they might know what service meant.

As soon as each was done, he rose
And to another one transposed
His outfit small of cloth and water,
Unto the next - for son or daughter.
And all the while they labored so
Great songs were sung - no one would know.
Then came announcements, rally day
Would be observed, and all may pay,
The men two dollars, sure must come,
While ladies were let off at one.
The visitors their help could lend
By any number up to ten.

A shoe social there would be
To help raise the Pastor's salary,
And they were urged to heed the call,
'Twas at the Parsonage held for all,
One cent a number for each size.
If some wore tens, 'twould be a prize
And greatly help their needs so many,
When added to their pile of pennies.

"Now one more thing and den we go,
So please all line up in a row,
And gib de hand ob fellowship,
To eb'ry one, with good strong grip."
The music started, so did they,
And circled round and round the way
Led by one brother black and tall,
Whose voice was heard above them all.
Over and over the songs he sang,
Louder and louder their voices rang,
As they danced and stamped, and felt the Power,
Swayed by the spirit of the hour.
The Preacher, standing back, looked on
With shining face, demeanor calm,
But when he thought time to postpone it,
They all were quiet in a moment.
They were sinners and earnest quite -
Their motives sprang to do the right.
And as they left, they felt that day
They'ed worshipped in the proper way.