

## Berlin Irving

### "Shaking The Blues Away"

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There's an old superstition 'way down south  
Ev'ry darkie believes that trouble won't stay  
If you shake it away  
When they hold a revival way down south  
Ev'ry darkie with care and trouble that day  
Tries to shake it away

Shaking the blues away, unhappy news away  
If you are blue, it's easy to  
Shake off your cares and troubles

Telling the blues to go, they may refuse to go  
But as a rule, they'll go if you'll  
Shake them away

Do like the darkies do, list'ning to a preacher way down  
south  
They shake their bodies so, to and fro  
With every shake, a lucky break

Proving that there's a way to chase your cares away  
If you would lose your weary blues  
Shake them away

I gotta blues, you gotta blues  
All God's chillun gotta blues  
Come and join a rebel and we'll shake off the devil  
And we'll shake all over God's Heaven, Heaven,  
Heaven  
Anyone objectin' to shakin' ain't going there, Heaven,  
Heaven  
Gonna shake all over God's Heaven  
I gotta shake, you gotta shake  
All God's chillun gotta shake, shake, shake  
Nothing could be sweeter than to shake with Saint Peter  
When we shake all over God's Heaven, Heaven,  
Heaven  
Anyone objectin' to shakin' ain't going there, Heaven,  
Heaven  
Gonna shake all over God's Heaven

[Revised version:]

There's an old superstition 'way down south  
Ev'rybody believes that trouble won't stay  
If you shake it away  
When they hold a revival way down south  
Ev'rybody with care and trouble that day  
Tries to shake it away

Shaking the blues away, unhappy news away  
If you are blue, it's easy to  
Shake off your cares and troubles

Telling the blues to go, they may refuse to go  
But as a rule, they'll go if you'll  
Shake them away

Do like the voodoos do, list'ning to a voodoo melody  
They shake their bodies so, to and fro  
With every shake, a lucky break

Proving that there's a way to chase your cares away  
If you would lose your weary blues  
Shake 'em away

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