

THE NEGRO SPEAKS OF RIVERS

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Moderato con moto

Piano

pp muddy bass

p

8va bassi.....

f

I've known riv - ers I've

mp

mf

loco

mf

known riv - ers Ancient as the world And

mp

8va bassi.....

old-er than the flow of hu - man blood in hu - man veins

loco

8va bassi.....

loco

f My soul— has— grown deep— like the *decresc.*

riv - ers — I bathed in the Eu - *mf*

phra - tes — when dawns were young I

built my hut near the Con - go and it lull'd me to sleep. *decresc.* *poco rit.*

a tempo

pp
Bass marcato

8va *loco*
bassi

mp

8va *loco*
bassi

f *molto legato*

I looked up - on the

f marcato

Nile and raised the

8va

Py - ra - mids a - bove it

8va *loco*

rit.

mp with tenderness

I heard the sing - ing of the Mis - sis - sip - pi

p a tempo

(picked bass)

— When Abe Lin - coln went down to New Or - leans

— And I've seen its mud - dy bo - som turn all

gold - en in the sun - set

8va.....

pp

loco

8va bassi.....

I've_ known riv - ers An - cient,

8va.....

loco

dusk - y riv - ers My soul_ has_ grown

f decresc.

deep_ like the riv - ers.

mf

pp