

# Tishomingo Blues

Spencer Williams 1917 practice sheet at ukesterbrown.com (1st note sung is a "D")

## First verse:

G D7  
Oh, Mississippi, Oh, Mississippi,  
G G7  
My heart cries out for you in sadness,  
C G  
I want to be where the wintry winds don't blow,  
D7  
Down where the southern moon swings low,  
G D7  
That's where I want to go.

## \*\*Chorus:

G C G  
I'm goin' to Tishomingo, because I'm sad today,  
C G  
I wish to linger, way down old Dixie way...  
D7  
Oh, my weary heart cries out in pain,  
G  
Oh, how I wish that I was back again,  
D7 A7  
With a race, in a place,  
D7  
Where they make you welcome all the time...  
G C G G C G  
Way down in Mississippi, among the cypress trees, (I hear that old piano from down the avenue)  
C B7 C B7  
They get you dippy, with their strange melodies, (I smell the pine trees, I look around for you)  
Em B7 Em C7 Em B7 Em C7  
To resist temptation, I just can't refuse, (Oh, my sweet, sweet, sweet old someone coming through the door)  
G D7 G D7  
In Tishomingo, I wish to linger, (It's Saturday and the band is playing)  
C D7 G C D7 G  
Where they play the weary blues. (Honey, could I ask for more)

## Second verse:

G D7  
Tonight I'm prayin', Tonight I'm sayin',  
G G7  
Oh Lord please take the train that takes me,  
C G  
To Tishomingo, 'way down old Dixie way,  
D7  
Where southern folks are always gay,  
G D7  
That's why you hear me say...

(Lyrics in parenthesis as sung by Garrison Keillor on The Prairie Home Companion radio show)