

If I was white as some fokes are,
I'd hab a chance to live:
But I is black, all over black
So white fokes hab a chance to swear



⁶⁶ "A Chance to Live":

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De sherif comes³ mid men and dabs
To take me like a Thief
Dey curse dey s... dey take me down
Like base ketch... with... and cubs

