

Song and Suds [1943]

Edward Joseph Collins, music

Stella Weston Tuttle, words

dedicated to Nancy Carr

All the world is bright when the wash tub rings.
With the lively tunes that Missoula sings.

As she whacks my clothes on the foaming board,
With a "Hallalu'" and a Praise de Lawd,"
With a "Hallalujah! Praise de Lawd!"

Then the harp in her throat plucks out high "C"
And her body sways with the jubilee,
As she feels the spirit, and the music swells
To the tune of "Peter, go ring dem bells."

Yes, the world is bright though the dress I wear
May be scorched a bit and rubbed thread-bare.

Yet no Heav'nly robe ever swung along
More washed in glory or starched with song.

"Hallalujah" "Praise de Lawd!"
"Hallalujah, Praise de Lawd!"