

**Tishomingo Blues** by Spencer Williams (1917). "Tishomingo Blues" was named after a northeast Mississippi town. The song, which also serves as Garrison Keillor's theme song for A Prairie Home Companion, was a hit in 1917.

G D9 G(½) D7(½) G (GFED walkdown)  
 Oh, Mississippi, Oh, Mississippi, my heart cries out for you in sadness,  
 C Cm(½) Cm6(½) G (F#)  
 I want to be where the wintry winds don't blow,  
 D7 D7(½) Bm7(½) D7(½) A9 D7(½) G7(½) D7(½)  
 Down where the southern moon swings low, that's where I want to go

G7(½) G9(½) C G(½) Gm(½) G(½) Gm(½) G(½) Gm(½) G(½) G7(½)  
 I'm goin' to Tishomingo, because I'm sad today,  
 C7 Eb7(½) Cm6(½) G (G#)  
 I wish to linger, way down old Dixie way.  
 D7/A D7(½) D7#5(½) G G (F#)  
 Oh, my weary heart cries out in pain; oh, how I wish that I was back again,  
 D (F) A7 (Eb) D(½) A7(½) D(½) Dma7(½) D(½) D7(½)  
 With a race, in a place, Where they make you welcome all the time.

G7(½) G9(½) C G G7  
 Way down in Mississippi, among the cypress trees,  
 C C7 B B  
 They get you dippy, with their strange melodies,  
 G B7/F# Em Eb7  
 To resist temptation, I just can't refuse,  
 G/D D7 G/D(½) D7(½)  
 In Tishomingo, I wish to linger, where they play the weary.  
 G(½) G#dim7(½) D7/A(½) D7(½)  
 blues

G D9 G(½) D7(½) G  
 Tonight I'm prayin', tonight I'm sayin', Oh Lord please bless the train that takes me,  
 C Cm(½) Cm6(½) G G  
 To Tishomingo, way down old Dixie way,  
 D7 D7(½) Bm7(½) A7 D7  
 Where southern folks are always gay, that's why you hear me say.