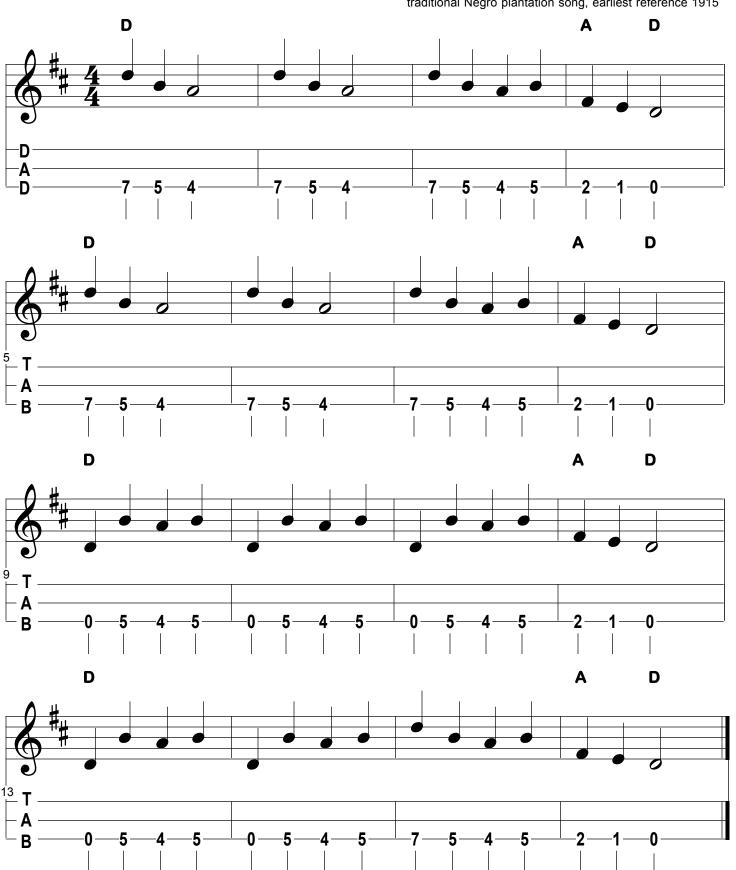
Shortnin' Bread

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Short'Nin' Bread (Traditional Plantation Song)

Two little babies, lying in bed
One was sick and the other 'most dead
Sent for the doctor and the doctor said
"Give those children some shortnin' bread."

Chorus:

Mama's little baby loves shortnin', shortnin' Mama's little baby loves shortnin' bread Mama's little baby loves shortnin', shortnin' Mama's little baby loves shortnin' bread

Put on the skillet, slip on the lid

Mama's gonna bake a little short'nin' bread

This ain't all she's gonna do

Mama's gonna make a little coffee, too.

CHORUS

When those children, sick in bed Heard that talk about short'nin' bread Popped up well, to dance and sing Skipped around and cut the pigeon wing. CHORUS

slipped in the Kitchen, slipped up the lid Slipped my pocket full of shortnin' bread Stole the skillet, stole the lid Stole the gal to make shortnin' bread CHORUS

Caught with the skillet, caught with the lid Caught with the gal makin' shortnin' bread Paid 6 dollars for the skillet, 6 dollars for the lid Spent 6 months in jail eatin' shortnin' bread... CHORUS