

Trouble Don't Last

By the tune of Runaway Love

Lyrics by: Nathan Tarantelli and Ted Carson

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Now little Samuel's only eleven years old
He's still tryin to figure why the world's so cold
When he was a baby his momma was sold
He was raised by Harrison and Lilly, so old
Harrison came to Samuel in the middle of the night;
Told'm they was runnin away, gave him quite a fright
So now they gonna grab some things and pack
Said they bout to runaway and never come back

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Harrison and Samuel been runnin to get free
Stopped in the woods to hide up in a tree
The huge river Jordan, they need to get across
The river man helps them, he shows them who's the boss
Next in Widow Taylor's basement they hide
Then off to the church, in the wagon they ride
Story's bout Samuel written down by Pry
Later he dreams that Harrison will die
Next morning they were takin by Ham and Eggs;
To a white peddler with stumpy fat legs
The peddler tells 'em their future real quick
Next morning, Harrison has grown mighty sick
Now they gotta' get their things and pack
Says they gonna go away and never come back

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Harrison's illness has made him really slow,
So the peddler takes 'em to the Negro Hollow
There they treated him till he got well
Then they put 'em on a train, and waved goodbye to Belle
They rode through the day and all through the night
Then a man's whistle gave 'em quite a fright
As the man put 'em on a boat, to a safe spot;
Two patrollers found 'em, they just got caught
Smart little Samuel thinks up quite a plan
Tricks the two patrollers, becoming quite a man
Now he's not stuck up in the world on his own
Finally he's got a place that he can call home
Livin with in his momma in good old Chat-ham
No longer a slave, he's become a free man