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"[Jim Crow](#)" was an antebellum character in a minstrel show. A white man (Tom "Daddy" Rice) - made up as a black man - incorporated a character called "Jim Crow" into his show in 1832.

Jim Crow sang a [song](#) to this [music](#):

*Come listen all you galls and boys,  
I'm going to sing a little song,  
My name is Jim Crow.  
Weel about and turn about  
And do jis so,  
Eb'ry time I weel about  
I jump Jim Crow.*

Soon the term "[Jim Crow](#)" became a euphemism for "Negro."

Then the term "[Jim Crow Laws](#)" became a euphemism for legal segregation.

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### Jim Crow - Character in Minstrel Shows

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### Long Time Ago - Genuine African-American Tune

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