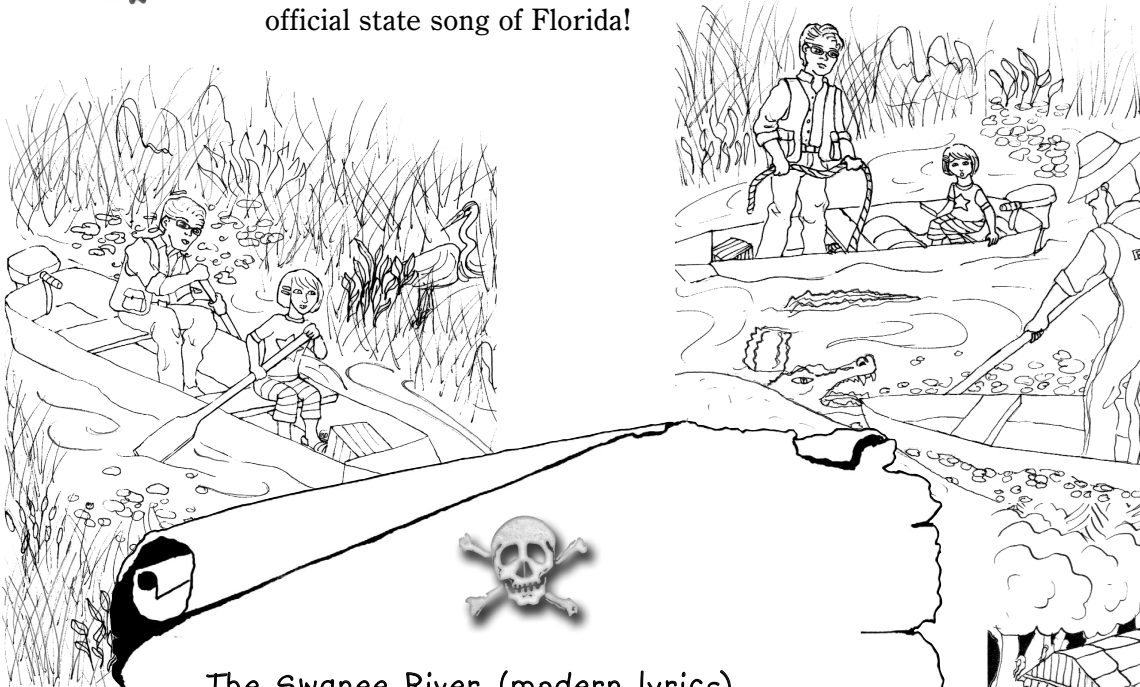


Way down Upon the Swanee River...



The Suwannee River runs through the Okefenokee Swamp, the setting for *The Secret of Skullcracker Swamp*. In 1851, songwriter Stephen Foster wrote a song titled, "Old Folks at Home," which is also known as, "The Swanee River." He purposely misspelled the river's name because he needed a river name that had two syllables! Today, this song is the official state song of Florida!



The Swanee River (modern lyrics)

Way down upon the Swanee River,
Far, far away.
That's where my heart is yearning ever,
Home where the old folks stay.

All up and down the whole creation,
Sadly I roam,
I'm a still a-longin' for the old plantation,
Oh, for the old folks at home.

Chorus
All the world is sad and dreary,
Ev'rywhere I roam,
Oh, brothers, how my heart grows weary,
Far from the old folks at home.

