

Mary Greene Music of the Blue Ridge

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BUYING A MOUNTAIN DULCIMER

Watauga County, NC traditional builder Charlie Glenn Banner Elk, NC (828) 297-3432

Charlie is the “real deal” in every sense of the word. He learned to build from the older builders and is a remarkable individual to meet. Read about him at the Blue Ridge Heritage Artists Directory at

<http://www.blueridgeheritage.com/traditional-artist-directory/charlie-glenn>

Jeff Sebens of Fancy Gap, VA makes some fine instruments. He's just a fine man that you feel honored to spend some time with. <http://www.jeffsebens.com/JS/Welcome.html>

Ben Seymour is a luthier building some amazing instruments. Too much fun to talk too! Tell him Mary Greene said that! <http://www.blueridgeheritage.com/traditional-artist-directory/ben-seymour>

Ben Seymour Tryon, NC (828) 863-4384 kudzupatch@gmail.com

A cheap and great way to start is the ever famous cardboard dulcimer.

<http://www.backyardmusic.com/Welcome.html> Check out the group prices for a dozen or more kits!

Call or visit THE DULCIMER SHOPPE in Blowing Rock, NC. They have cardboard dulcimers and McSpadden dulcimers. Bill and Jewel McGee make every visit pleasant. Bill is an excellent mountain dulcimer player too! <http://www.thedulcimershop.com/> Phone: 828-295-3616 / Cell: 404-310-7965

Clarence and Clarence at High Country Dulcimers have a fine selection of instruments (mtn. dulcimer and hammered dulcimers) as well as the best local selection dulcimer books and accessories.

<http://www.highcountrydulcimers.com/> Go south on 105 and travel about 4-5 miles to reach their shop. It is in the Foscoe community on the right. There's a big sign – you shouldn't miss it. Call 828-963-TUNE (8863) to check their hours.

INTERESTING ARTICLES: DULCIMER PLAYER NEWS (Article by Stephen Seifert on Pg. 37 titled “Are We Leaving the DAA Tuning Behind?) http://issuu.com/dulcimerplayersnewsinc/docs/35-3_summer_2009

Lucy Long article <http://www.bearmeadow.com/smi/histof.htm>

Noter Style Dulcimer: <http://dulcimer-noter-drone.blogspot.com/2009/06/why-i-dont-use-bass-and-middle-strings.html>

TAB FOR MOUNTAIN DULCIMER

<http://www.ngfda.org/tabduke.html>

<http://doofusmusic.com/> They have tabs of the same songs and tunes for multiple instruments – this could help in forming a band.

<http://www.gilamountaindulcimers.com/tab.htm> Lots of links to tablature sites at this URL.

DULCIMER WORKSHOPS AND FESTIVALS

Ferrum College: The Crooked Road Dulcimer Festival <http://crookedroaddulcimerfestival.org/>

Northeast Dulcimer Symposium <http://www.nedulcimer.org/>

Cullowhee Dulcimer Week <http://www.wcu.edu/academics/edoutreach/conted/conferences-and-community-classes/dulcimer-u/dulcimer-u-summer-week/>

Four Standard Tunings
(For Dulcimers with or without the 6 1/2 fret)

Standard Ionian (Major Scale, ex. "Go Tell Aunt Rhody")

- Tune the bass string to desired keynote.
- Fret the bass string at the 4th fret, play that sound, then tune all the other strings to it.
- Examples:

GG-G-C	Ionian of C	Scale begins at the 3 rd fret on the melody string.
AA-A-D	Ionian of D	
BB-B-E	Ionian of E	do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do'

Standard Mixolydian (ex. "Old Joe Clark")

- Tune the bass string to desired keynote.
- Fret the bass string at the 4th fret and tune the middle string to it.
- Fret the bass string at the 7th fret and tune the open 1st strings to it.
- Examples:

CC-G-C	Mixolydian of C	Scale begins at either the open melody string
DD-A-D	Mixolydian of D	or one octave higher (7 th fret)
EE-B-E	Mixolydian of E	do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti-flat, do'

Standard Dorian (ex. "Scarborough Fair")

- Tune bass string to desired keynote.
- Fret the bass string at the 4th fret and tune the middle string to it.
- Fret the bass string at the 3rd fret and tune the 1st strings to it.
- Examples:

FF-G-C	Dorian of C	Scale begins at the 4 th fret.
GG-A-D	Dorian of D	
AA-B-E	Dorian of E	do, re, mi-flat, fa, sol, la, ti-flat, do'

Standard Aeolian (Natural Minor Scale, ex. "Shady Grove")

- Tune bass string to desired keynote.
- Fret the bass string at the 4th fret and tune the middle string to it.
- Fret the bass string at the 6th fret and tune the 1st strings to it.
- Examples:

BbBb-G-C	Aeolian of C	Scale begins at the 1 st fret.
CC-A-D	Aeolian of D	
DD-B-E	Aeolian of E	do, re, mi-flat, fa, sol, la-flat, ti-flat, do'

T - Thumb
I - Index
R - Ring

Bile Them Cabbage Down

Arr. by Mary C.
Greene, c. 2009

I

A			
B 5 5 5 5	6 - 6 -	5 5 5 5	4 - - -

Bile them cab - bage down, boys, Turn them hoecakes 'round,

5 5 5 5	6 6 6 6	5 5 4 4	3 - - -

On - ly song that I can sing is Bile Them Cab-bage Down!

#1 Harmonizing a Melody in D-A-A (Ionian)

I 0 etc.

A R 3 3 3 3	4 - 4 -	3 3 3 3	2 - - -
B T 5 5 5 5	6 - 6 -	5 5 5 5	4 - - -

Bile them cab - bage down, boys, Turn them hoecakes 'round,

3 3 3 3	4 4 4 4	3 3 2 2	0 - - -
5 5 5 5	6 6 6 6	5 5 4 4	3 - - -

On - ly song that I can sing is Bile Them Cab-bage Down!

#2 A Different Harmonization

I I 4 4 4 4	5 - 5 -	4 4 4 4	3 - - -
A 0 etc.			
B T 5 5 5 5	6 - 6 -	5 5 5 5	4 - - -

Bile them cab - bage down, boys, Turn them hoecakes 'round,

4 4 4 4	5 5 5 5	4 4 3 3	2 - - -
5 5 5 5	6 6 6 6	5 5 4 4	3 - - -

On - ly song that I can sing is Bile Them Cab-bage Down!

#3 Bile Them Cabbage Down - More Harmony Variations

T	0	etc.	3	—	—
A	R	3 3 3 3	4 4 4	3 3 3 3	0 — —
B	T	5 5 5 5	6 6 6	5 5 5 5	4 — —

Bile them cab - bage down, boys, Turn them hoecakes 'round,

3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	—
5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	— —

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#4 Learning to fingerpick

T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	4	4	4

Bile them cab - bage down, boys, Turn them hoecakes 'round,

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	—

On - ly song that I can sing is Bile Them Cab-bage Down!

Thumb
Brush

#5 Adding a harmony to a fingerpicked arrangement

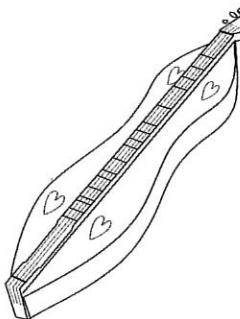
T	0	0	3	3
A	R	3 3 3 3	4 4 4	3 3 3 3
B	T	5 5 5 5	6 6 6 6	5 5 5 5

Bile them cab - bage down, boys, Turn them hoecakes 'round,

0	—
3 3 3 3	4 4 4 4
5 5 5 5	6 6 6 6

On - ly song that I can sing is Bile Them Cab- bage Down!

Thumb
Brush



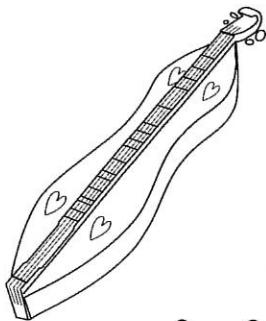
Tuning: Ionian
D-A-A
1-5-5

Traditional
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Bill Grogan's Goat

0 3 4 5	0 3 4 5
1. There was a man	(There was a man)
6 6 5 4	6 6 5 4
Who had a goat	(Who had a goat)
4 4 2 4	4 4 2 4
There was a man	(There was a man)
5 5 4 3	5 5 4 3
Now please take note	(Now please take note)
0 3 4 5	0 3 4 5
He loved that goat	(He loved that goat)
7 7 7 8	7 7 7 8
Oh, yes he did	(Oh, yes he did)
3 3 4 5	3 3 4 5
He loved that goat	(He loved that goat)
6 5 4 3	6 5 4 3
Just like a kid.	(Just like a kid.)

2. One day that goat (echo)	3. And when that train (echo)
Felt frisk and fine	Hove into sight
He ate three shirts	That goat grew green
Off the new clothesline	And pale with fright
That man he grabbed	He heaved a sigh
Him by the back	As if in pain
And he tied him to	Coughed up the shirts
A railroad track.	Flagged down the train.



Tuning: Ionian
D-A-A
1-5-5

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The Water is Wide

0 3 2 3 4 5 6 4
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Nei-ther have I the wings to fly,

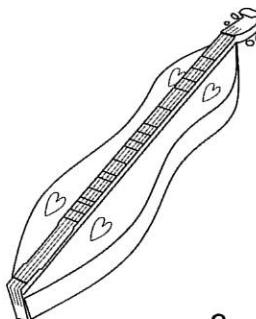
4 3 1 0 0 1 3 3
^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ |
And we both shall row my true love and I.

There is a ship and she sails the sea
She's loaded deep as deep can be
But not as deep as the love I'm in
I care not if I sink or swim

I leaned my back against an oak
Thinking it was a trusty tree
But first it bent and then it broke
So did my love prove false to me

I reached my finger in a rosy bush
Thinking the fairest flower to find
I pricked my finger to the bone
And left the fairest flower behind

Oh love is handsome and love is kind
The sweetest flower when first it is new
But love grows old and waxes cold
And fades away like the morning dew



Tuning: Ionian
D-A-A
1-5-5

Traditional from Frank Proffitt, Sr.
Learn more about him at
<http://www.encyclopediaofappalachia.com/>
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The Groundhog Song

3 3 2 2 3 3 0
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^

I shoulder-ed my gun, and whistled for my dog,

7 7 6 6 7 7 4
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^

Shoulder-ed my gun, and whistled for my dog,

5 3 4 2 3 3 0 2 3
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^

Headed for the mountains for to tree a ground hog. Ground hog.

Two in a rock, and three in a log,

Two in a roc k, and three in a log,

Good God Almighty! What a big ground hog! Ground hog.

Run here Jim with a great long pole,

Run here Jim with a great long pole,

To twist this groundhog, out of his hole, Ground hog.

Yonder comes Granny, walking on a cane,

Yonder comes Granny, walking on a cane,

Swears she'll eat them ground hog brain, Ground hog.

Yonder comes Sal, with a snigger and a grin,

Yonder comes Sal, with a snigger and a grin,

Ground hog grease, all over her chin, Ground hog.

The hide's in the cupboard, the meat's in the churn,

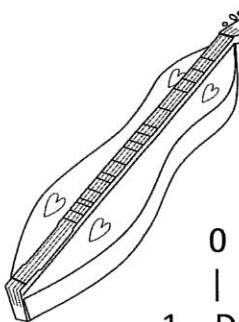
The hide's in the cupboard, the meat's in the churn,

If this ain't good ground hog, I'll be durned. Ground hog.

I took him home and tanned his hide,

I took him home and tanned his hide,

Made the best shoestring ever I tied, Ground hog.



Tuning: Ionian
D-A-A
1-5-5

Down in the Valley

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0 3 4 5 3 5 4 3 4
| ^ ^ | ^ ^ | ^ ^ | ^ ^ | ^ ^ | ^ ^ | ^ ^
1. Down in the val - ley, val - ley so low.

0 2 4 6 4 2 3 4 3
| ^ ^ | ^ ^ | ^ ^ | ^ ^ | ^ ^ | ^ ^
Hang your head o - ver, hear the wind blow.

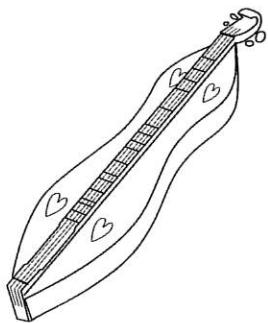
0 3 4 5 3 5 4 3 4
Hear the wind blow dear, hear the wind blow,
0 2 4 6 4 2 3 4 3
Hang your head o-ver, hear the wind blow.

2. Roses love sunshine, violets love dew,
Angels in heaven know I love you.
Know I love you, dear, know I love you.
Angels in heaven know I love you.

3. If you don't love me, love whom you please
Put your arms round me, give my heart ease
Give my heart ease love, give my heart ease
Put your arms round me, give my heart ease

4. Write me a letter, send it by mail
Send it in care of, the Birmingham Jail
Birmingham Jail love, Birmingham Jail
Send it in care of, the Birmingham Jail

5. Build me a castle, forty feet high
So I can see her, as she rides by
As she rides by love, as she rides by
So I can see her, as she rides by



Tuning: Ionian
D-A-A
1-5-5

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I Know Where I'm Going

2 2 3 4 2 2 _ 0 4 4 4 5 4 3 _ _
0 0 0 0 0 0 _ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 _ _
3 3 4 5 3 3 _ 0 5 5 5 6 5 4 _ _
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^
I know where I'm goin' and I know who's go-ing with me,

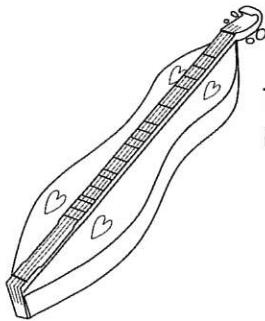
7 7 7 7 2 2 3 4 5 4 4 3
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
7 7 7 7 3 3 4 5 6 5 5 4
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^
I know who I love, but the dear knows who I'll mar-ry.

I have stockings of silk and shoes of fine green leather
Combs to buckle my hair and a ring for every finger

Feather beds are soft, painted rooms are bonny,
But I would leave them all for my handsome, winsome Johnny

Some say he's bad, but I say he's bonny
Finest of them all is my handsome, winsome Johnny

Well, I know where I'm goin' and I know who's goin' with me
I know who I love, but the dear knows who I'll marry



Tuning: Aeolian
D-A-C

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Shady Grove

1 1 1 _ 2 1 0 _ 1 1 2 4 5 _ _ _
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^

Sha-dy Grove, my little love, Sha-dy Grove I know

7 7 5 _ 4 2 0 _ 1 2 4 2 1 _ _ _
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^

Sha-dy Grove, my little love, I'm bound to go a - way

Cheeks as red as a blooming rose and eyes are the prettiest brown
She's the darling of my heart, sweetest little girl in town

I wish I had a big fine horse and corn to feed him on
Shady Grove to stay at home and feed him while I'm gone

Went to see my Shady Grove, she was standing in the door
Her shoes and stockin's in her hand, little bare feet on the floor

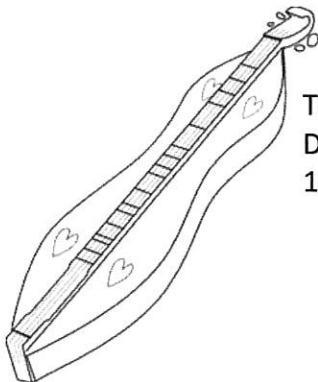
When I was a little boy I wanted a Barlow knife
And now I want little Shady Grove to say she'll be my wife

-Doc Watson's version of Shady Grove is a great way to introduce this famous North Carolina musician to your students.

-Learn more about him at <http://www.biography.com/people/doc-watson-20844877>

-Preview a children's picture book about Doc Watson at
<https://www.amazon.com/Talkin-Guitar-Story-Young-Watson/dp/0544129881>

-View a 4:21 clip from a film about him at <https://vimeo.com/82588547>
This clip shows Doc doing carpentry as well as playing music. He was, and continues to be, a pivotal influence on many musicians.



Tuning:Mixolydian
D-A-D
1-5-8

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Old Joe Clark

4 5 6 5 4 3 2 4 4 5 6 5 4 4
| ^ | ^ | ^ | | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^

I went down to Old Joe's house, he in-vised me to supper

4 5 6 5 4 3 2 2 0 2 1 1 0 0
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^

Stubbed my toe on the ta-ble leg and stuck my nose in the butter!

(Chorus)

0 0 0 4 3 2 0 0 1 0 0
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^

Fare thee well, Old Joe Clark, fare thee well, I say

0 0 0 4 3 2 0 2 1 1 0
| ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^

Fare thee well, Old Joe Clark, I'm gonna go a - way

Old Joe Clark, he had a house; fifteen stories high

Every story in that house was filled with chicken pie! (Chorus)

Old Joe Clark had a yellow cat, she would neither sing nor play

Stuck her head in the buttermilk jar and washed her cares away (Chorus)

Old Joe Clark, he had a mule; her name was Morgan Brown

Every tooth in that mule's head was sixteen inches 'round! (Chorus)

Don't ever marry Old Joe Clark, I'll tell you the reason why:

He blows his nose in old corn bread, and calls it pumpkin pie! (Chorus)