

Arkansas Traveler

Traditional Fiddle Tune

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D G D A7

Oh, once up - on a time in Ark - an - sas an old man sat in his lit - tle ca - bin door, And

D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
A	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
D	0	2	1	0			0	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	0

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D G D G D A7 D

fid - dled at a time that he liked to hear, A jol - ly old time that he played by ear. It was

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	5	0	0
0	2	1	0				0	4	7	6+	7	4	5	7	4	0	0	0

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rain - ing hard but the fid - dler did - n't care He saw'd a way at the pop - u - lar air, Tho' his

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	4	3	3	3	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	3	3	2	1	0

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roof tree leaked like a wa - ter fall That did - n't seem to bo - ther the man at all.

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	5
4	4	3	3	3	2	1	0	2	1	4	7	6+	7	4	5	7	4	0

A traveler was riding by that day,
 And stopped to hear him a-practicing away
 The cabin was afloat and his feet were wet,
 But still the old man didn't seem to fret.
 So the stranger said: "Now the way it seems to me,
 You'd better mend your roof," said he.
 But the old man said, as he played away:
 "I couldn't mend it now, it's a rainy day."

The traveler replied: "That's all quite true,
 But this, I think, is the thing for you to do;
 Get busy on a day that is fair and bright,
 Then pitch the old roof till it's good and tight."
 But the old man kept on a-playing at his reel:
 "Get along," said he, "for you give me a pain;
 My cabin never leaks when it doesn't rain."