

# CLUCK OLD HEN

Strummed  
Tune EAD

Dorian or Mixolydian melody  
Key of A minor or A major

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by Bonnie Carol*

A Part

Am (A)\*\*

G

Am

G

Am (A)

Treble D  
 Middle A  
 Bass E

0 11 8 10 11 8 11 7 8 11 8 10 11 8 7 6\* 4

B Part

Am (A)

Am (A)

G

Am(A)

G

Am (A)\*\*

Cluck old hen, cluck and squall, y'ain't laid an egg since way last fall.  
 Cluck old hen, cluck and sing, y'ain't laid an egg since way last spring.

4 4 6 4 4 3 4 4 4 6 7 8 7 6 4

\* Substitute the 6½ fret for the 6th if you want to play this tune in mixolydian.

\*\* If you play in the mixolydian mode, use the chords in parentheses.

Cluck old hen, cluck and squall  
 Y'ain't laid an egg since late last fall.  
 Cluck old hen, cluck and sing  
 Y'ain't laid an egg since late last spring.

Cluck old hen, cluck I tell you  
 If you don't cluck, I'm gonna sell ya.  
 The first time she cackled she cackled in the lot  
 Last time she cackled, she cackled in the pot.

Cluck old hen, cluck old hen  
 She lays eggs for the railroad men.  
 Sometimes one, sometimes two  
 Sometimes enough for the whole dern\* crew.

Here is a more recent verse that Mark Nelson  
 learned from Lewis Downey:

Cluck all day, cluck all night  
 Soon you will be chicken delight!

\*Insert swear word to suit social-cultural environment of the moment!