

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)

Bass E
 Middle A
 Treble D

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.

* 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!