This three part fiddle tune is from West Virginia, probably African American in origin. It is usually played in A, but occasionally it is fiddled in D, the key I first learned to play it in. It works nicely in open D tuning. Fiddler Henry Reed called this tune Cabin Creek. It has a few lyrics, sung generally to the B part:

I've been workin' 'bout all my life,  
And all I've got is a Barlow knife,  
Barlow handle and a Barlow blade,  
Best durn knife that ever was made.

I worked in the cotton mill all my life,  
Nothin' to show but a barlow knife,  
Barlow handle and a Barlow blade,  
Best durn knife that ever was made.

I've been a poor boy all my life,  
All I want is a barlow knife,  
Barlow handle and a Barlow blade,  
Best durn knife that ever was made.

Take my wife, take my life,  
Just don't take my barlow knife,  
Barlow handle and a Barlow blade,  
Best durn knife that ever was made.