

Nancy Rowland

Traditional

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G

D
A 2
G 4
D
G

C D7 G

5 H Po SL

C D7 G Am

9 H Po SL H SL

G C D7 G Am

13 H Po SL H SL

G C 1. D7 G Up the neck break_H

17 H Po SL H

D7 G

21 SL H

25

D7 G Am

29

G C D7 G Am

33

G C D7 G 2. D7 G

I was finally motivated to learn this tune after playing it at a festival jam session with fiddlers Matt McConeghy and Mike Jarboe. Different versions of this tune have been around at least since Fiddlin' John Carson (1868-1948) recorded it for Okeh Records in 1923. This setting is based on a 1928 Vocalion recording of Ozark fiddlers George and Andrew Carter. I use a G Variant tuning, standard G tuning with the 2nd string dropped to A. There are some nonsense lyrics that are often sung to the melody of the A part:

Had a little dog, his name was Rover,
When he died, he died all over.

I had a wife and she was a quaker,
She wouldn't work and I wouldn't make her.

I had a wife and she was a weaver,
She wouldn't work, so I had to leave her.