Sourwood Mountain
Traditional

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This old time fiddle tune/play party song was found throughout the southeastern United States, and was one of the first tunes a five string banjo player would learn. This is a fairly easy version.

Chickens a-crowin' on Sourwood Mountain,
Hey, ho, dum diddle-um day.
So many pretty girls I can't count 'em,
Hey ho, dum diddle-um day.

My true love lives at the head of the holler,
Hey, ho, dum diddle-um day.
She won't come and I won't foller,
Hey, ho, dum diddle-um day.

My true love lives over the river,
Hey, ho, dum diddle-um day.
A few more jumps and I'll be with her,
Hey, ho, dum diddle-um day.

Ducks in the pond, geese in the clover,
Hey, ho, dum diddle-um day.
Tell them pretty girls, I'm comin' over,
Hey, ho, dum diddle-um day.