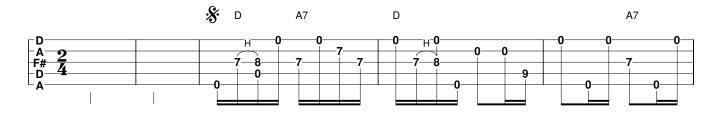
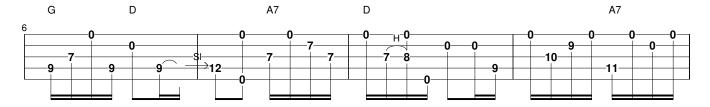
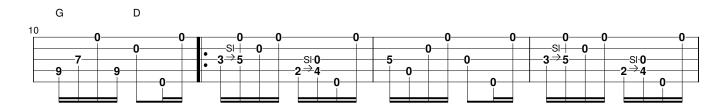
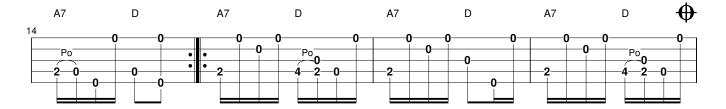


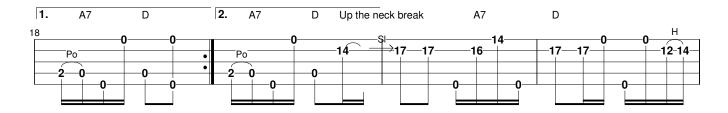
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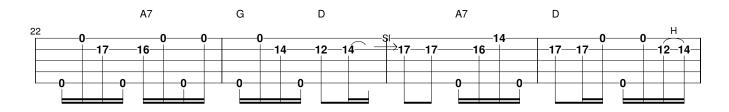


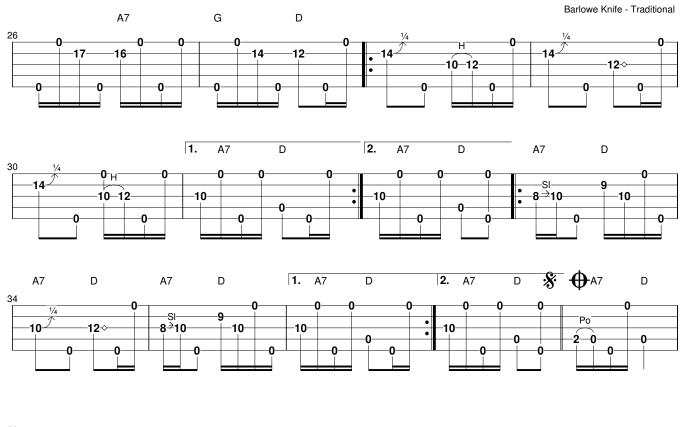














This three part fiddle tune is from West Virginia, probably African American in origin. It is usually played in A, but occasionally it is fiddled in D, the key I first learned to play it in. It works nicely in open D tuning. Fiddler Henry Reed called this tune Cabin Creek. It has a few lyrics, sung generally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