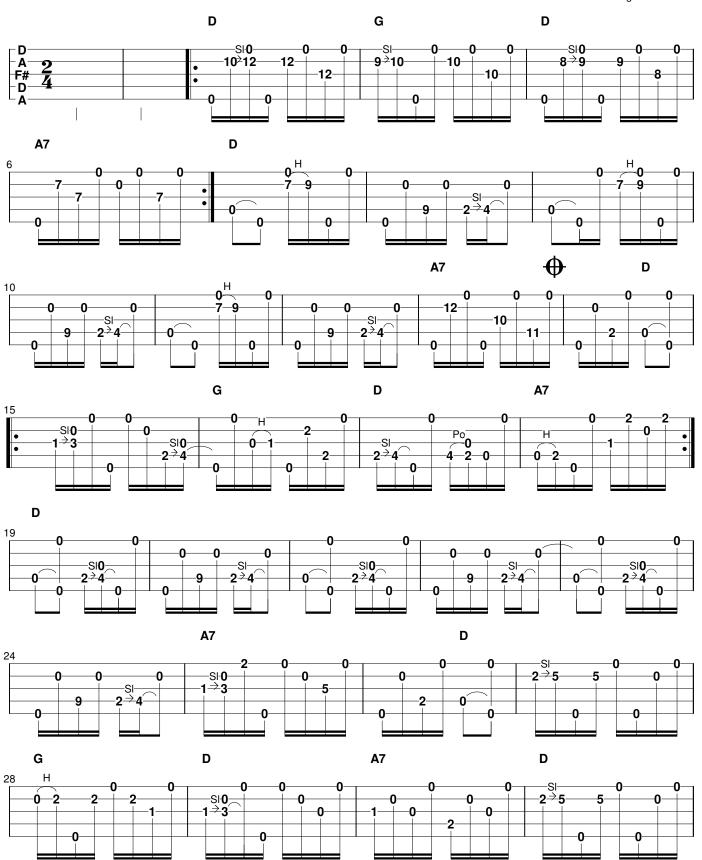
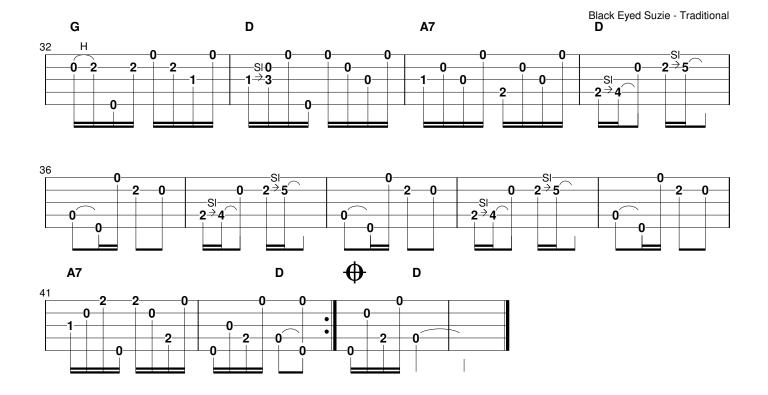
## **Black Eyed Suzie**

Traditional

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I love my wife, I love my baby I like my biscuits sopped in gravy Hey, black-eyed Susie Hey, pretty little black-eyed Susie, Hey

This old fiddle tune and play-party song is a well-worn paean to domestic bliss. Black-eyed suzie is also another name for the black-eyed pea, the southern staple probably brought over from Africa by slaves. They are used in a traditional African-American dish called "Hoppin' John," another recipe with fiddle tune echoes, which was served to guests on New Years Day for good luck.

This is a very easy arrangement, so it can be picked at a pretty good clip, if you find yourself playing with somebody who wants to roar through it, as a lot of pickers seem to want to do these days. I prefer playing the tune at a more moderate dance tempo.