

Ralph Robert's Chicken Reel

Traditional

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D

2/4

A7 D

A7

6

D 1. A7 D Up the neck break

11

A7 D

Po

16

A7

D

Po

21

A7 D 2. A7 D

26

I learned this unusually structured version of Chicken Reel from my good friend fiddler Ralph Roberts of Frametown, West Virginia. For years I have been camping next to Ralph and his wife Charlee up on Geezer Hill at the annual Appalachian String Band Festival in Clifftop, West Virginia, and I have learned a lot of fine tunes from Ralph, all of which are enriched by his elegant style. They seem deceptively simple at first, but when you really listen close, they have some very subtle phrasing.