

Going to the Free State aka Clinton Traditional

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G (A)

5

D7 (E7)

G (A)

9

D7 (E7)

1. G (A) 2. G (A)

13

D7 (E7)

G (A)

17

D7 (E7)

1. G (A) 2. G (A)

21

G (A)

I learned this tune from a recording by John Hoffman and Mac Benford, from their 2007 CD called *It's About Time*. They called the tune Clinton. It comes originally from fiddler John Ashby (1915 - 1979) of Warrenton, Virginia, who called the tune *Going Back to the Free State*. The Free State was a 12 square mile area near his home in Fauquier County, about 40 miles west of Washington, DC, that in 1806 declared itself free, refusing to pay taxes to the government.