

Nail That Catfish to a Tree

Written by Steve Rosen

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The sheet music is written for guitar in 2/4 time. It consists of seven systems of four measures each. The first system starts with a G chord and includes a double bar line. The second system begins with a D7 chord. The third system includes a pull-off (Po) technique. The fourth system starts with a D7 chord. The fifth system includes a C chord. The sixth system starts with a D7 chord. The seventh system includes a C chord. The notation includes various fretting techniques: hammer-ons (H), pull-offs (Po), and slides (Sl). Fingering numbers (1-4) are provided for many notes. The guitar is tuned to standard tuning (D, A, G, D, G).

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D7 C

33

D7

1. G 2. G

Nail That Catfish to the Tree is a new oldtime tune written by Steve Rosen, who is the banjo player for the long time Chicago area old time band the Volo Bogtrotters. According to the Fiddler's Companion, Rosen "wrote the tune on a fishing vacation to Florida. It seems he received advice from an old black man on how to clean catfish, notoriously difficult because of their tough skin -- 'nail its head to a tree and pull the skin off with pliers'."

That explains it.