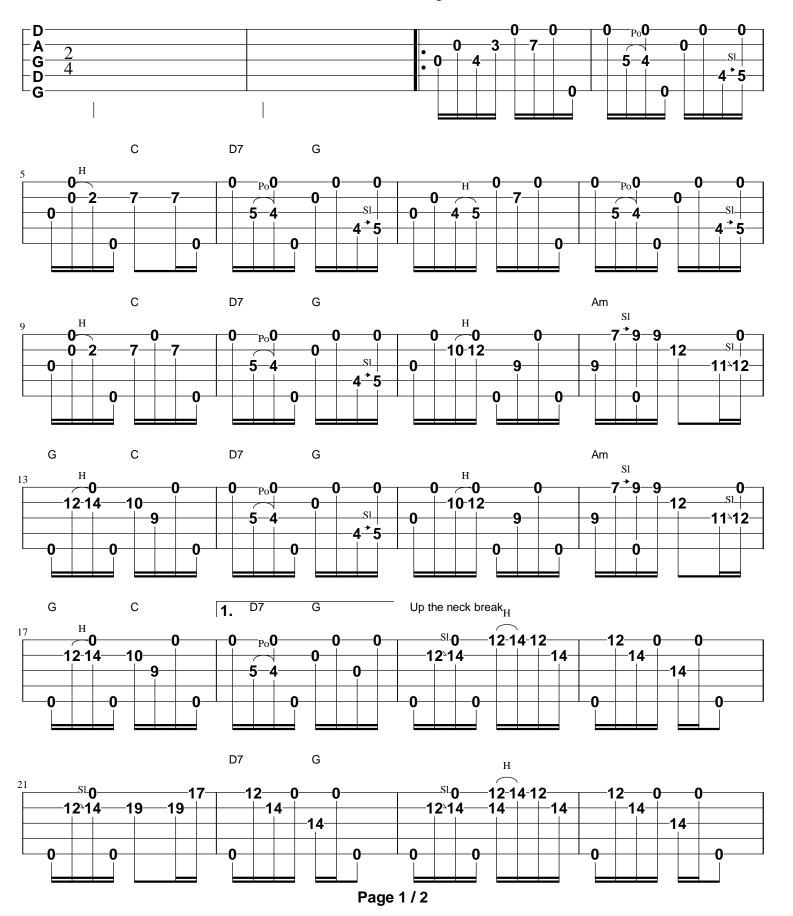
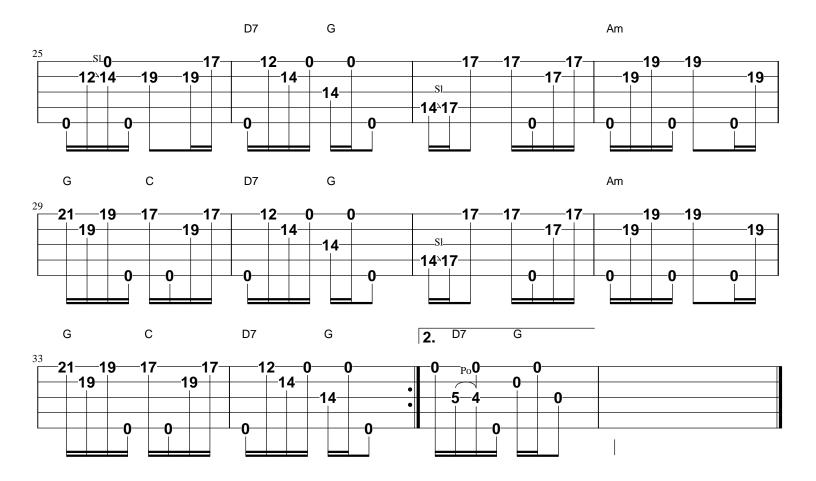
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I was finally motivated to learn this tune after playing it at a festival jam session with fiddlers Matt McConeghy and Mike Jarboe. Different versions of this tune have been around at least since Fiddlin' John Carson (1868-1948) recorded it for Okeh Records in 1923. This setting is based on a 1928 Vocalion recording of Ozark fiddlers George and Andrew Carter. I use a G Variant tuning, standard G tuning with the 2nd string dropped to A. There are some nonsense lyrics that are often sung to the melody of the A part:

Had a little dog, his name was Rover, When he died, he died all over.

I had a wife and she was a quaker, She wouldn't work and I wouldn't make her.

I had a wife and she was a weaver, She wouldn't work, so I had to leave her.