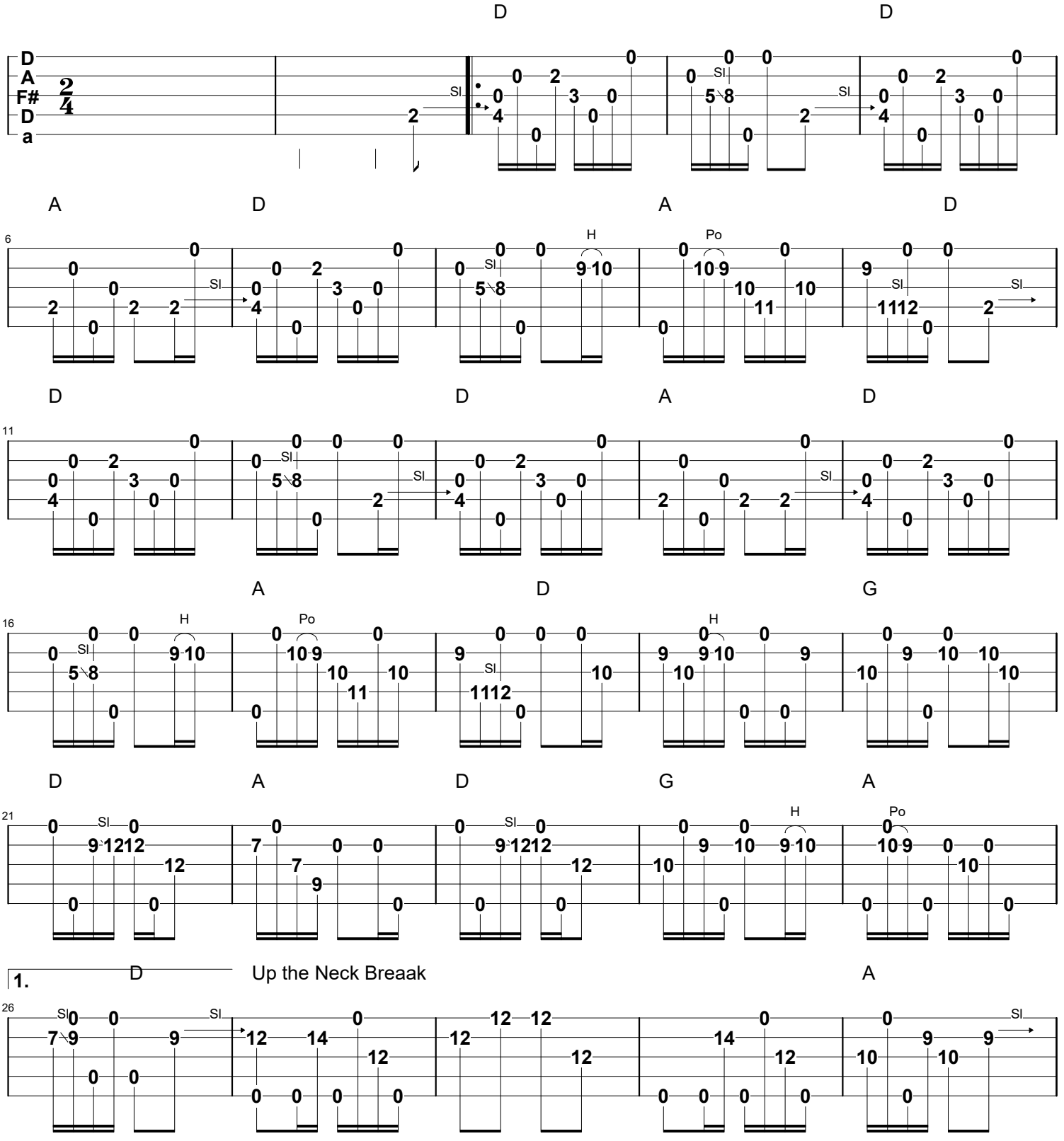
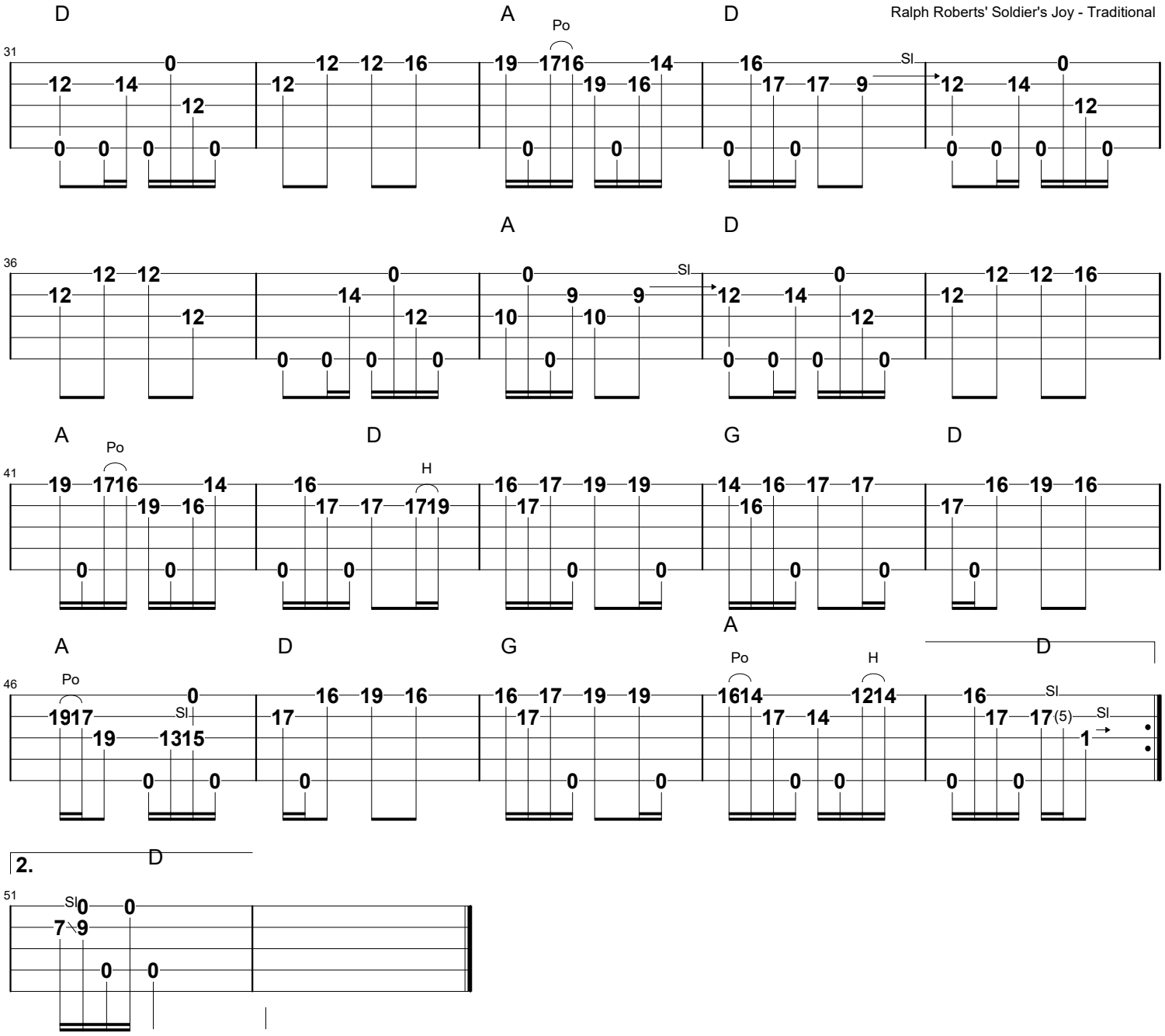
Ralph Roberts' Soldier's Joy

Traditional

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This slightly different version of the olf tune Soldier's Joy comes from fiddler Ralph Roberts (1929-2026) of Frametown, West Virginia. Ralph also played the more common rendering of Soldiers Joy, but he said this one he learned from his father and grandfather. The B parts of the two versions are almost identical, but the A part of this one starts off by sliding into the 3rd degree of the scale (F#), instead of descending from the octave.