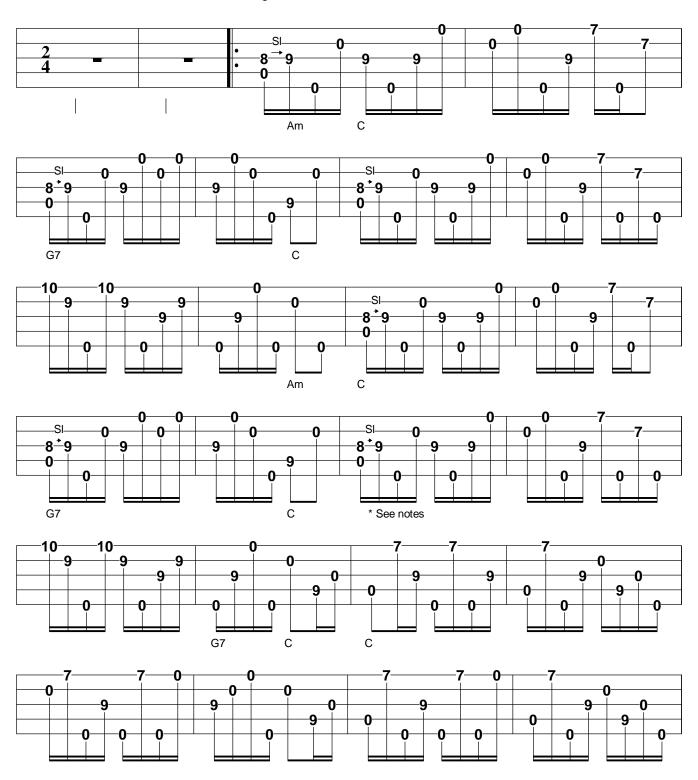
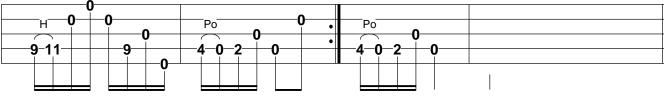
Spider Bit the Baby Kenny Baker

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This tune comes from Kenny baker, the long time fiddler for Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys. Baker recorded it in 1972 for a County Records LP called Kenny Baker Country, and claims writer's credit. Several aspects of my setting are wiorth a special note. In his recording, Baker plays a low variation of the A part every other time through. Not having the fiddle range, I chose to play the variation an ocatve high, up the neck instead. In the B part, which to my ear has echoes of the old tune Shortinin' Bread, I have dropped the opening C notes of the main melody strain down an octave, to the open 4th string, in measures 19-20, 23-24, 27-28, 31-32, 51-52, 59-60, and 63-64.

It emphasizes the melodic jump that is central to the feel of the melody.