

Stone's Rag

by Oscar Stone

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The musical score for "Stone's Rag" is written for guitar in standard notation. The key signature is C major, and the time signature is 4/4. The score is arranged by Donald J. Borchelt in 2014. The piece begins with a capo on the first fret. The notation includes various chords (F, D7, G7, C, A7, F#dim) and techniques such as slides, bends, and a hammer-on. Measure numbers 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, and 29 are indicated at the start of their respective staves.

D7 G7 1. C 2. C

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This tune was originally composed by Oscar Stone, fiddler for Dr. Humphrey Bates' Possum Hunters, sometime in the 1920s, but it may be based upon an earlier tune. Bob Wills later recorded it, with a little variation, under the title Lone Star Rag, which is how I first learned it. I have set this arrangement in double C tuning (gCGCD). It is important to get the syncopation right, and emphasize the 4th note of each measure, rather than the 5th, as you would in a normal fiddle tune. The phrasing in the G7 strains in measures 7-8, 15-16, and 23-24 are particularly tricky, because they incorporate slides into the phrasing in a syncopated manner.