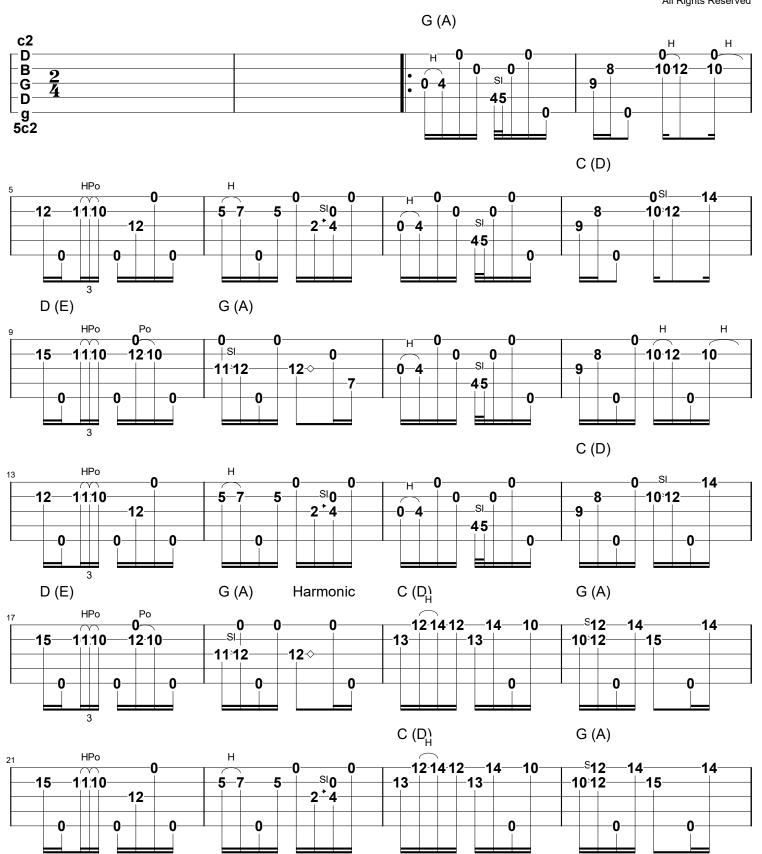
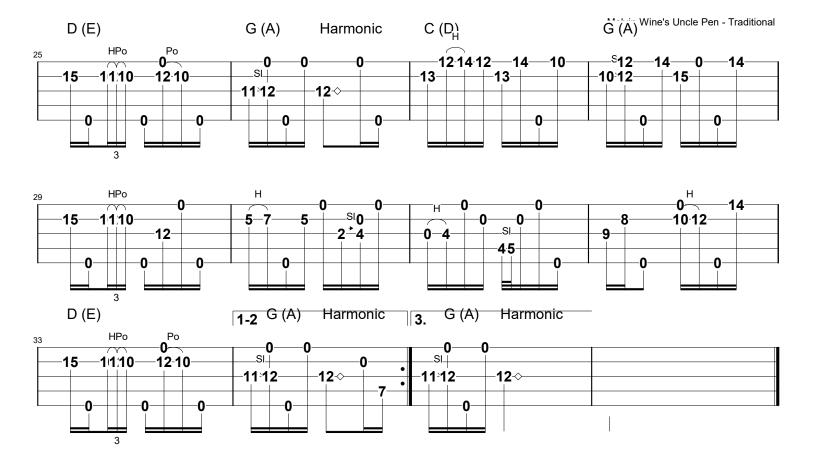
Melvin Wine's Uncle Pen

Traditional

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I learned this tune from a video posted by the wonderful Cherokee fiddler Nokosee Fields of Stillwater, Oklahoma. I am told that it comes originally from West Virginia fiddler Melvin Wine. It has been speculated that Wine based it upon Kenny Baker's playing on the song Uncle Pen that Baker recorded with Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys. Not so sure about that.

Note the harmonic note at the end of each phrase. I use the harmonic both to get the clear tone, and also the long sustain that does not require continuous fretting of the string.