



LONESOME VALLEY

Sung by **A Collection of American Folk Music**
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Down In The Valley, The Rambler, Arthritis Blues, Polly Wolly Doodle,
Lonesome Traveler, Blackeyed Suzie, On Top of Old Smoky,
Cowboy Waltz, Sowing On The Mountain

Instruments: Mandolin, Banjo, Guitars, Fiddle

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DOWN IN THE VALLEY

DOWN IN THE VALLEY,
VALLEY SO LOW,
HANG YOUR HEAD OVER,
HEAR THE WIND BLOW.

CHORUS: HEAR THE WIND BLOW LOVE,
HEAR THE WIND BLOW,
HANG YOUR HEAD OVER,
HEAR THE WIND BLOW.

ROSES LOVE SUNSHINE,
VIOLETS LOVE DEW,
ANGELS IN HEAVEN,
KNOW I LOVE YOU.

CHORUS: KNOW I LOVE YOU, LOVE,
KNOW I LOVE YOU,
ANGELS IN HEAVEN,
KNOW I LOVE YOU.

IF YOU DON'T LOVE ME,
LOVE WHOM YOU PLEASE,
THROW YOUR ARMS 'ROUND ME,
GIVE MY HEART EASE.

CHORUS: GIVE MY HEART EASE, LOVE,

THE RAMBLER

WELL I DON'T MIND MARRYIN'
BUT I CAN'T STAND SETTLIN' DOWN,
I DON'T MIND MARRYIN',
BUT LORD, SETTLIN' DOWN!
GONNA ACT LIKE A PREACHER,
SO I CAN RIDE FROM TOWN TO TOWN.

I'D LIKE TO BE YOUR SIDE-TRACK,
BUT TILL YOUR MAIN LINE COMES,
I'D LIKE TO BE YOUR SIDE-TRACK,
BUT TILL YOUR MAIN LINE COMES,
I CAN DO MORE SWITCHING,
THAN YOUR MAIN LINE EVER DONE.

WHAT MAKES THAT ROOSTER
CROW AT THE BREAK OF DAY?
WHAT MAKES THAT ROOSTER
CROW AT THE BREAK OF DAY?
TO LET THE LITTLE DOG KNOW
THAT THE BIG DOG'S ON HIS WAY.

ARTHRITIS BLUES

WELL I WENT TO THE DOCTOR, THE DOCTOR
LOOKED SAD,
WELL HE LOOKED IN HIS BOOK AND HE TOLD
ME WHAT I HAD.
ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE WILL FIND YOU SOME-
HOW.

ARTHRITIS IS A THING TO MISS,
IT WILL LEAVE YOU WALKIN' WITH A DOUBLE-
TWIST,
WELL IT'S ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE WILL
FIND YOU SOMEHOW.

YOU CAN'T STAND UP AND YOU CAN'T LAY
DOWN,
YOU CAN'T SIT IN THE CHAIR, YOU CAN'T
ROLL ON THE GROUND,
WELL IT'S ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE WILL FIND
YOU SOMEHOW.

GIN, RUM, AND WHISKEY WILL EASE THE PAIN,
WAKE UP IN THE MORNING AND IT'S ALL BACK
AGAIN,
IT'S ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE WILL FIND YOU
SOMEHOW.

YOU CAN DRIVE IT AWAY WITH THE SWEET
APPLEJACK,
WAKE UP IN THE MORNING AND ITS SQUATTING
ON YOUR BACK,
WELL IT'S ALL KIND OF TROUBLE WILL FIND
YOU SOMEHOW.

DOCTOR, DOCTOR, DOCTOR, GET YOUR X-RAY
MACHINE,
WELL IT FEELS SO GOOD, JUST ABOUT LIKE
MORPHINE,
WELL IT'S ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE WILL FIND
YOU SOMEHOW.

WHEN YOU GET TO HEAVEN, TELL THE JUDGE
FOR ME,
I'VE HAD SIXTEEN YEARS OF THE THIRD
DEGREE,
WELL IT'S ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE WILL FIND
YOU SOMEHOW.

IF I LIVE TO BE FORTY-THREE,
YOU'LL FIND ME 'RUNNIN' LIKE A MODEL 'T',
WELL IT'S ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE WILL FIND
YOU SOMEHOW.



POLLY WOLLY DOODLE

WENT DOWN SOUTH FOR TO SEE MY SAL,
SING POLLY WOLLY DOODLE ALL DAY,
MY SAL SHE IS A PRETTY GAL,
SING POLLY WOLLY DOODLE ALL DAY.

CHORUS: FARE THEE WELL, FARE THEE WELL,
FARE THEE WELL, MY FAIRIE FAE,
FOR I'M OFF TO LOUISIANA
FOR TO SEE MY SUZIANNA
SINGING POLLY WOLLY DOODLE
ALL DAY.

GRASSHOPPER SITTIN' ON A RAILROAD TRACK,
SING POLLY WOLLY DOODLE ALL DAY,
PICKIN' HIS TEETH WITH A CARPET TACK,
SING POLLY WOLLY DOODLE ALL DAY.

CHORUS:

BEHIND THE BARN DOWN ON MY KNEES,
SING POLLY WOLLY DOODLE ALL DAY,
I THOUGHT I HEARD A CHICKEN SNEEZE,
SING POLLY WOLLY DOODLE ALL DAY.

CHORUS:

HE SNEEZED SO HARD WITH THE WHOOPING
COUGH,
SING POLLY WOLLY DOODLE ALL DAY,
HE SNEEZED HIS HEAD AND TAIL RIGHT OFF,
SING POLLY WOLLY DOODLE ALL DAY.

CHORUS:

PEANUT SITTIN' ON A RAILROAD TRACK,
WAITING FOR HIS SUPPER,
'LONG CAME THE TWO-FIFTEEN,
TOOT-TOOT, PEANUT BUTTER.

CHORUS:

LONESOME TRAVELER

I AM A LONELY AND A LONESOME TRAVELER
I'VE BEEN TRAVELING ON.

I TRAVELED HERE AND THEN I TRAVELED
YONDER (3)
I'VE BEEN TRAVELING ON.

TRAVELED IN THE MOUNTAIN, TRAVELED
DOWN IN THE VALLEY (3)
I'VE BEEN TRAVELING ON.

WELL, I TRAVELED COLD AND THEN I
TRAVELED HUNGRY (3)
WELL, I'VE BEEN TRAVELING ON.

I TRAVELED WITH THE RICH; TRAVELED
WITH THE POOR (3)
I'VE BEEN TRAVELING ON.

ONE OF THESE DAYS I'M GOING TO STOP
ALL MY TAVELING (3)
STOP ALL MY TRAVELING AROUND.

I'M GOING TO KEEP RIGHT ON TRAVELING
ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM (3)
GOING TO KEEP RIGHT ON TRAVELING ON.

ON TOP OF OLD SMOKY

ON TOP OF OLD SMOKY,
ALL COVERED WITH SNOW,
I LOST MY TRUE LOVER,
FROM A-COURTIN' TOO SLOW.

A-COURTIN' IS PLEASURE,
BUT PARTIN' IS GRIEF,
AND A FALSE-HEARTED LOVER
IS WORSE THAN A THIEF.

A THIEF WILL BUT ROB YOU
OF ALL THAT YOU SAVE,
AND A FALSE-HEARTED LOVER
WILL SEND YOU TO YOUR GRAVE.

YOUR GRAVE WILL DECAY YOU
AND TURN YOU TO DUST;
NOT A GIRL IN TEN THOUSAND
THAT A POOR BOY CAN TRUST.

SHE'LL HUG YOU, SHE'LL KISS YOU,
AND TELL YOU MORE LIES,
THAN THE CROSS TIES IN A RAILROAD
OR THE STARS IN THE SKY.

ON TOP OF OLD SMOKY,
I WENT THERE TO WEEP,
A FALSE-HEARTED LOVER
IS WORSE THAN A THIEF.



COWBOY WALTZ

"..AN OLD TIME WALTZ NUMBER, THEN
A TWOSTEP, A FOXTROT, AND A SQUARE,
AND ANOTHER WALTZ, A ROUND DANCE,
AND A RAGTIME, AND ANOTHER SQUARE.
I USED TO ALWAYS PLAY RANCHDANCE
TUNES IN THIS ORDER". WOODY GUTHRIE

BLACK EYED SUZIE

I LOVE MY WIFE, I LOVE MY BABY,
I LOVE MY BISCUITS SOPPED IN GRAVY,
HEY, PRETTY LITTLE BLACK EYED SUZIE (3)

ALL I NEEDED TO MAKE ME HAPPY,
TWO LITTLE KIDS TO CALL ME PAPPY,
HEY, PRETTY LITTLE BLACK EYED SUZIE (3)

ONE NAMED TOM, THE OTHER NAMED DAVY,
ONE LIKES SOP THE OTHER LIKES GRAVY,
HEY, PRETTY LITTLE BLACK EYED SUZIE (3)

UP THE RIVER ACROSS THE CREEK,
I DON'T GET A LETTER BUT ONCE A WEEK,
HEY, PRETTY LITTLE BLACK EYED SUZIE (3)

UP THE CREEK ACROSS THE WATER,
SOME OLD MAN'S GONNA LOSE HIS DAUGHTER,
HEY, PRETTY LITTLE BLACK EYED SUZIE (3)

FIFTEEN CENTS, A DOLLAR AND A QUARTER,
HEY, OLD MAN YOU'RE GONNA LOSE YOUR
DAUGHTER,
HEY, PRETTY LITTLE BLACK EYED SUZIE (3)

THE... BOYS WENT HUCKLEBERRY PICKIN'
THE BOYS GOT DRUNK AND SUZIE GOT A
LICKIN'
HEY, PRETTY LITTLE BLACK EYED SUZIE (3)

TWO OLD MAIDS SITTIN' IN THE SAND,
EACH ONE WISHING THE OTHER WAS A MAN,
HEY, PRETTY LITTLE BLACK EYED SUZIE (3)



BLACK EYED SUZIE'S ABOUT HALF GROWN,
SHE JUMPS ON A MAN LIKE A DOG ON A
BONE,
HEY, PRETTY LITTLE BLACK EYED SUZIE (3)

SOWING ON THE MOUNTAIN

SOWING THE ON THE MOUNTAIN,
REAPING IN THE VALLEY (3)
YOU'RE GONNA REAP JUST WHAT YOU SOW.

GOD GAVE NOAH
THE RAINBOW SIGN (3)
IT WON'T BE WATER, BUT FIRE NEXT TIME.

WON'T BE WATER
BUT FIRE NEXT TIME (3)
GOD GAVE NOAH THAT RAINBOW SIGN.

SOWING ON THE MOUNTAIN
REAPING IN THE VALLEY (3)
YOU'RE GONNA REAP JUST WHAT YOU SOW.



THESE SELECTIONS WERE CHOSEN FROM
VARIOUS ACETATE SCRAPS LEFT AMONG
THE SINGERS AND OTHERS AND USUALLY
REPRESENT 'SECOND' TAKES BECAUSE OF
SLIPS OR MISTAKES. HOWEVER, AFTER
THESE MANY YEARS (6), ON RE-HEARING,
THE 'SPIRIT' OF THE PERFORMANCES
WAS SO GOOD THAT FOLKWAYS FELT THAT
IT WOULD BE A SHAME NOT TO HAVE ITS
MANY FRIENDS HEAR THEM.

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Vocal & Instr., Banjo,
Mandolin, Guitars

Band 1. **DOWN IN THE VALLEY**

Pete Seeger, Bess Lomax,
Tom Glazer, Butch Hawes

Band 2. **THE RAMBLER**

Cisco Houston

Band 3. **ARTHRITIS BLUES**

(Butch Hawes)

Butch Hawes and Group

Band 4. **POLLY WOLLY DOODLE ALL DAY**

Pete Seeger, Bess Lomax,
Tom Glazer, Butch Hawes

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Lee Hays, Pete Seeger, Dock Reese,
Holly Wood, Bess Lomax, Butch Hawes
- Band 2. ON TOP OF OLD SMOKY
Cisco Houston
- Band 3. BLACK EYED SUZIE
Pete Seeger and Group
- Band 4. COWBOY WALTZ (Woody Guthrie)
Instr. Woody Guthrie and Group
- Band 5. SOWING ON THE MOUNTAIN
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