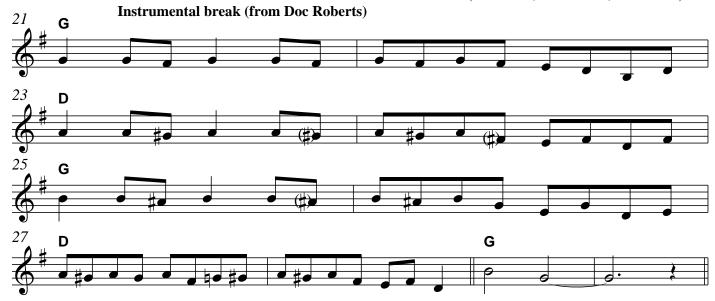
Traditional \*\*



<sup>\*\*</sup> An old song popularized in the bluegrass community by Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs and the Foggy Mountain Boys. Here's a video of the band playing it on Hootenanny, around 1964: www.youtube.com/watch?v=nov127Ta\_Eg

This instrumental break is based on "Fiddlin'" Doc Roberts's mandolin playing on a 1934 recording by Asa Martin (1900-1979, guitar and probably vocals here), and Roberts (1897-1978, playing mandolin on this recording though he was mainly known as a fiddler). See www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9rk-1EPSZI. These lyrics are Flatt's, from the above Hootenanny video. The vocal melody is mostly Flatt's, with a few bits from the Martin-Roberts recording.

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Some more lyrics, first from Flatt and Scruggs (ca. 1964):

- 1. Well it's upstairs downstairs out in the kitchen (3x)See you Uncle Bill just a-rarin' and a-pickin', yes sir -- Chorus --
- 2. Well it's old Aunt Peggy won't you fill 'em up again (3x) Ain't had a drink since I don't know when, yes sir. -- Chorus --
- 3. Well yonder comes the preacher and the children are a-crying (3x) Chickens all a-running and the toenails [a] flying, yes sir -- Chorus --

These are from Martin and Roberts (1934) (slightly cleaned up):

1. Upstairs, downstairs, out in the kitchen (3x) I met old Cook just a-rarin' and a-pitchin', yes sir!

## Chorus:

Hot corn cold corn bring along the demijohn (3x)Fare thee well my Allie\*\* gal, meetcha in the morning, yes sir

- 2. Preacher's all a-comin' and the children's all a-cryin' (3x) Chickens all a-wringin' and the toenails flyin', yes sir
  - -- Chorus --
- 3. Had a little dog and his name was Ned / He run that chicken 'til he fell dead, He got choked on old corn bread / Sure am sorry that dog is dead, yes sir! -- Chorus --
- 4. Preacher in the pulpit takin' in the money / Children in the bee hive gettin' all the honey Aunt Sue shoutin' and a-singin' for joy / Happiest lot of people that ever I saw, Yes sir!

## Notes on the lyrics:

- (1) Demijohn: a large narrow-necked bottle usually enclosed in a wicker basket, often used for holding liquor.
- (2) Rarin': presumably rearing (as a horse might), as in "rarin' to go"
- \*\* Or maybe Ellie gal -- or alley gal?

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