Beginners Jam Songs August 2026

Bury Me Beneath the Willow (Key = G)

Cluck Old Hen (Key = G)

Columbia Stockade Blues (Key = G)

Cripple Creek (Key = A)

Song lyrics and chord charts to follow.

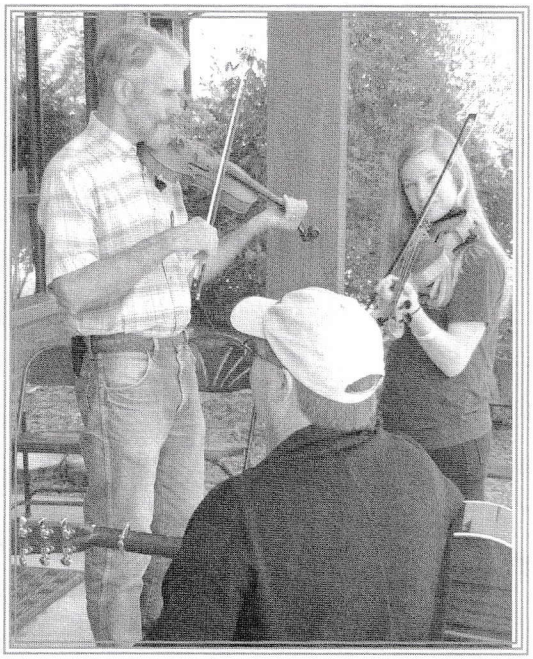
Bury Me Beneath the Willow

1 My heart is sad and **4** I am lonely,
1 For the only one I **5** love . . . . .
When **1** shall I see her **4** oh no never,
1 Till we **5** meet in heaven a- **1** bove . . . . .

Chorus:

1 Bury me be- 4 neath the willow,
1 Under the weeping willow 5 tree . . . . .
So 1 she will know where 4 I am sleeping,
1 And per- 5 haps she'll weep for 1 me . . . . .

Verses:



She told me that she dearly loved me,
How could I believe it untrue . . . . .
Until the angels softly whispered,
She will prove untrue to you . . . . .

Tomorrow was to be our wedding,
God oh God where can she be . . . . .
She's out a courting with another,
And no longer cares for me . . . . .

Place on my grave a snow white lily,
To prove that my love for her was true . . . . .
To show the world I died of grieving,
For her love I could not win . . . . .

Cluck Old Hen

Key = G
Pos = 3

1 My old hen's a good old **7b** hen
1 She lays eggs for the **5** railroad **1** men
Sometimes one sometimes **7b** two
1 Sometimes enough for the **5** whole darn **1** crew

Chorus:

1 Cluck old hen, cluck and 7b sing
1 Ain't laid an egg since 5 way last 1 spring
Cluck old hen, cluck and 7b squall
1 Ain't laid an egg since 5 way last 1 fall

Verses:

I had a little chicken she had a wooden leg
Best old hen that ever laid an egg
Laid more eggs than any hen around the barn
Another little drink wouldn't do me any harm

You better lay an egg and lay it when I tell you
You better lay an egg or else I'm gonna sell you
First time she cackled she cackled in the lot
Next time she cackled she cackled in the pot

I had a little chicken who wouldn't lay an egg
So I poured hot water up and down her leg
Little chicken squalled little chicken begged
Little chicken laid me a hard boiled egg

Note: The flat-7 chord (7b) is one full step down from the one chord. In the key of A the flat-7 is G, in the key of G the flat-7 is F.

Columbus Stockade Blues

1 Way down . . . . . in Columbus Geor - gia
I **5** want to be back in Tenne- **1** -ssee . . . . . .
Way down . . . . . in Columbus stock - ade
My **5** friends all turned their backs on **1** me . . . . . .

Chorus:

4 Go and leave me if you 1 wish to
4 Never let me cross your 5 mind . . . . . .
In your 1 heart . . . . . you love anoth - er
5 Leave me little darling I don't 1 mind . . . . . .

Verses:

Last night . . . . . as I lay sleep - ing
I dreamed I held you in my arms . . . . . .
When I awoke . . . . . I was mistak - en
I was peering through the bars . . . . . .

Many a night . . . . . with you I've ramb - led
Many a night with you I've spent . . . . . .
Thought I had . . . . . your heart forev - er
Now I find it's only lent . . . . . .

Cripple Creek

1 I got a gal at the **4** head of the **1** creek
I'm going up to see her 'bout the **5** middle of the **1** week
Kiss her on the mouth just as **4** sweet as any **1** wine
She wraps herself around me like a **5** sweet potato **1** vine

Chorus:

1 Going up Cripple Creek going at a run
Going up Cripple Creek to 5 have a little 1 fun
Going up Cripple Creek going in a whirl
Going up Cripple Creek to 5 see my 1 girl

Verses:

I got a girl and she loves me
She's as sweet as sweet can be
She's got eyes of baby blue
And all my love for her is true

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Girls up Cripple Creek about half grown
They jump on a man like a dog on a bone
They sit their pretty selves down in the shade
Waiting for the money that the men have made

Cripple Creek wide Cripple Creek deep
Wade old Cripple Creek before I sleep
I roll my britches up to my knees
And wade old Cripple Creek whenever I please