

Beginners Jam Songs March 2026

Bury Me Beneath the Willow (Key = G)

Cornbread and Butterbeans (Key = D)

Shortnin' Bread (Key = G)

This Land is Your Land (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:

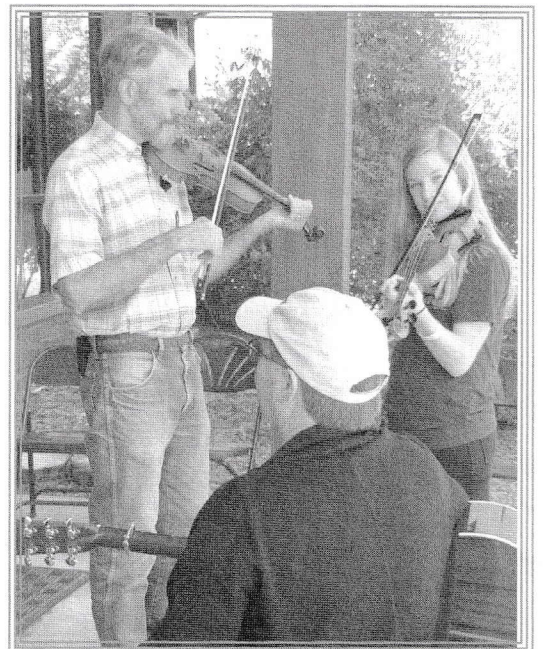
1 Bury me be- **4** neath the willow,
1 Under the weeping willow **5** tree
So **1** she will know where **4** I am sleeping,
1 And per- **5** haps she'll weep for **1** me

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



Cornbread and Butterbeans

The Carolina Chocolate Drops 2010

Chorus:

1 Cornbread and butter beans and you across the 4 table
5 Eating them beans and making love as long as I am 1 able
Growing corn and cotton too and when the day is 4 over
5 Ride the mule and cut the fool and love again all 1 over.

Verses:

1 Goodbye don't you cry I'm going to Louisi- 4 ana
5 Buy a coon dog and a big fat hog and marry Suzi- 1 aanna
Same song ding dong I'll take a trip to 4 China
5 Cornbread and butter beans and back to North Caro- 1 lina

Wearin' shoes and drinkin' booze goes against the Bible
A necktie will make you die and cause you lots of trouble
Streetcars and whiskey bars and kissing pretty women
Women yeah that's the end of a terrible be- ginning

I can't read and don't care and education is awful
Raisin' heck and writing checks it ought to be un-lawful
Silk hose and frilly clothes is just a waste of money
Come with me and stay with me and say you'll be my honey

Shortening Bread

1 Put on the skillet, put on the lid
Mama's gonna make a little **5** shortening **1** bread
That ain't all she's gonna do
Mama's gonna make a little **5** coffee **1** too

Chorus:

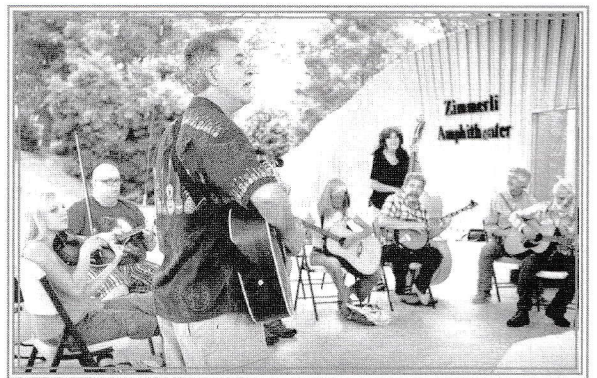
1 Mama's little baby loves shortening shortening
Mama's little baby loves **5** shortening bread

Verses:

Three little children lying in bed
Two were sick and the other most dead
Sent for the doctor and the doctor said
Give those children some shortening bread

When those children sick in bed
Heard that talk about shortening bread
Popped up well to dance and sing
Skipped around and cut the pigeon wing

Slip to the kitchen, slip off the lid
Fill my pockets with shortening bread
Stole the skillet, stole the lid
Stole that gal making shortening bread



Gilbert Nelson teaching Wernick Method class in NC.

This Land Is Your Land A

Chorus:

1 This land is **4** your land this land is **1** my land
From Cali- **5** -fornia to the New York **1** island
From the redwood **4** forest to the gulf stream **1** waters
5 This land was made for you and **1** me

Verses:

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
And all around me a voice was sounding
This land was made for you and me

When the sun came shining and I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting
This land was made for you and me

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

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