

## Nixon's Farewell

Chord symbols: D, G, A7. First ending bracket over measures 7-8. Second ending bracket over measures 11-12. First ending bracket over measures 17-18. Second ending bracket over measures 19-20.

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"Nixon's Farewell" was composed on the occasion of President Nixon's resignation in the mid-1970's by Curtis Bouterse (San Diego, California).

His website explains it like this:

"Some time ago on the Banjo Hangout I gave some historical background on the origins of Nixon's Farewell. Right after the resignation in 1974 I figured something that monumental ought to be recognized in music. My initial reaction was the situation resembled the old "Somebody on the Gallows" or "What's-his-name's Farewell," and I played around with various Lonesome and Lone melodies without success. Then I imagined a song with the refrain 'And you won't have Old Dick Nixon to kick around anymore'. [...] It was played so much in the late 1970s some tired of it and I was afraid it might better be called 'Nixon's Revenge', but it's still popular with contra-dancers."

Curt Bouterse also wrote "Waiting for Nancy".

It was printed in Songer's **Portland Collection** (1997), **Pickin' Magazine** 1977/07 and Keefer's **Old Time Stringband Workshop for Fiddle, Banjo, Guitar & Mandolin** (2011).

It was recorded by Boiled Buzzards on **Early Bird Special** (1994) and **Eat at Joe's** (2000).