

Duck River

The musical score for "Duck River" is written in D Major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of two main sections, A and B, with first and second endings.

Section A: The first line of music starts with a boxed 'A' above it. The melody begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note D. The first ending (marked '1.') consists of two measures: D (quarter) G (quarter), followed by a repeat sign.

Section B: The second line of music starts with a boxed 'B' above it. The melody begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note D. The second ending (marked '2.') consists of two measures: D (quarter) G (quarter), followed by a repeat sign.

The score includes various chords: D, G, A7, and D. The first ending of Section A has a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.). The second ending of Section B has a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.).

"Duck River", also known as "Dubuque", "General Lee", "Sally in the Green Corn" and "Hell Up Coal Holler" is an American old-time breakdown in D Major.

This specific "Duck River" tune seems to be particular to the Salyer family of Salyersville, Magoffin County, Kentucky. It is part of a fairly common tune family which includes "Dubuque" in this collection.

The banjo tablature is by John Letscher.

It was printed in Milliner & Koken's **Milliner-Koken Collection of American Fiddle Tunes** (2011), Phillips's **Traditional American Fiddle Tunes**, vol. 2, (1995), Lamancusa's **The Gettysburg Collection of Old-Time Fiddle Tunes** (2021), Songer's **Portland Collection** (1997) and Titon's **Old-Time Kentucky Fiddle Tunes** (2001).

It was recorded by Bruce Greene and John M. Salyer. Both recordings are included in the Berea College Appalachian Center recordings.