

## Flop Eared Mule

Musical score for "Flop Eared Mule" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves. The first staff is marked with a boxed 'A' and a 'G' chord. The second staff has 'G', 'D7', and 'G' chords. The third staff is marked with a boxed 'B' and has 'D7' and 'G' chords. The fourth staff has 'D7' and 'G' chords.

1. Flop eared mule, flop eared mule,  
Flop eared, flop eared, flop eared mule,  
Flop eared mule, flop eared mule  
Flop eared, flop eared mule.  
Mule, mule, mule, mule,  
Flop eared, flop eared, flop eared mule.  
Mule, mule, mule, mule,  
Flop eared, flop eared mule.

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You can't get much simpler than this tune. We found out that you can sing just about any three-syllable phrase to this tune. Back in 1967 when the **Bonnie and Clyde** movie came out Flatt and Scruggs played the music ("Foggy Mountain Breakdown"). Whenever our band would play, someone would always ask for "that Bonnie and Clyde music". We got tired of explaining that it was bluegrass and we were an old-time band so one night when someone asked, we launched into "Flop Eared Mule" and sang

"Bonnie and Clyde,  
Bonnie and Clyde,  
Bonnie and Bonnie and Bonnie and Clyde"

We got a laugh and a tradition was started.

I think Dan Estersohn introduced us to this tune.