

Going to Jail

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The first four staves are grouped under the section label 'A'. The fifth staff is labeled 'B' and includes fingerings: 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 3, 2. The sixth and seventh staves are first and second endings, both starting with a '1.' and ending with a repeat sign. Chord labels E, D, A, and G are placed above the notes on various staves. The piece concludes with a final whole note chord on the seventh staff.

"Going to Jail" is an American country rag in cut time in G Major (Brody, Phillips) or C Major (New Lost City Ramblers). The parts are played ABB (Brody) or AA'BB' (Phillips).

It is a ragtime fiddle piece composed around the E, A, D, G chord turn, attributed to Muhlenberg County, Kentucky fiddler Ted Gossett (1904-1990). It was one of six sides Gossett's band recorded for Gennett Records in September, 1930 and fiddler Tom Whitmer (b. 1886) replaced Gossett for this number. Confusingly, Tom Whitmer's Band also recorded three sides for Gennett on the same day, featuring fiddler Whitmer playing with the same personnel as Gossett's band - Enos Gossett (guitar), Pete Woods (banjo) and Earl Nossinger (guitar).

"Going to Jail", credited to the group's pseudonym 'Buddy Young's Kentuckians' on the record label, was issued only on the poorly distributed Gennett subsidiary, Superior Records. The New Lost City Rambler's version is modeled after the version played by Tennessee's Fiddlin' Arthur Smith.

It was printed in Brody's **Fiddler's Fakebook** (1983) and Phillips' **Traditional American Fiddle Tunes, vol. 2** (1995).

It was recorded by Ted Gossett's Band on **Old Time String Band Classics: 1927-1933** (1975), New Lost City Ramblers on **String Band Instrumentals** (1964), Buddy Young's Kentuckians (a.k.a. Ted Gossett's Band) (78 RPM) and Tom Whitmer (with Ted Gossett's Band) on **Kentucky Mountain Music vol. 3** (2003) (Originally recorded 1930).