

Greasy String

The musical score for "Greasy String" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a G chord. The second staff continues the melody with Em, C, and D7 chords. The third staff features a more rhythmic melody with D7, G, and Em C D7 chords. The fourth staff concludes with a G chord and a repeat sign.

Also known as "Bring Back My Old Coon Dog". It was collected from Henry Reed by Alan Jabbour. The title "Greasy String" probably refers to a slippery fiddle string. Tommy Jarrell sang a verse with "mash down harder on that greasy string".

The high part of the tune is related to "Shoot that Turkey Buzzard" while the low part closely resembles "Cripple Creek".

I play this in medleys with:

"John Brown's March"

"Forks of Sandy"

both in this section.