

Lady of the Lake

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8 1. D 2. D D

12 A

16 1. D 2. D

"Lady of the Lake" is the name of many fiddle tunes in various keys and styles. **The Traditional Tune Archive** (tunearch.org) has nine versions cataloged, none of which are this one. This version comes from John Ashby & The Free State Ramblers.

John C. Ashby (1915-1979) began playing fiddle in 1926 at his home near Warrenton, Virginia. Sometime around 1940 John formed the Free State Ramblers, a band consisting of family and musician friends. "Free State" refers to a 12 square mile area near Warrenton that declared itself "free" in 1806, refusing to pay rent or taxes to landowner Chief Justice John Marshall.

I got the tune from John Lamancusa's collection (www.mne.psu.edu/lamancusa/tunes.html). The banjo tablature, based on the same source, is by John Letscher.