

**Through the Woods**  
**An Appalachian Adventure Album**  
**The Okee Dokee Brothers**

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## Through the Woods (capo 4)

D        D/C#        Bm        Bm/A  
I'm wondering if you'd go wandering with me  
              G                G/F#  
Through the wilderness and woods  
              Em        A  
To where the winds are blowin' free  
              D        D/C#  
Through the darkness of the night  
              Bm        Bm/A  
Headin' toward the morning light  
              G                A        D  
I wonder if you'd wander with me

**A                D**  
**I'll spread the word**  
**G                        D**  
**And you beat the drum**  
**G                        D**  
**We'll round up the troops**  
**G                        A**  
**And get the gang to come**  
**A7                        D**  
**And we'll leave the streets**  
**G                        D - D/C#**  
**And these neighborhoods**  
**Bm    Bm/A    Bm/G#**  
**Head over the river**  
**A                D**  
**And through the woods**

You're wondering if I go wandering with you  
What kind of trouble we'll get ourselves into  
Would it be wrong to tag along  
With a band of vagabonds  
You wonder if I'd wander with you

I'm wondering if you'd come wandering my way  
If you ever get lost  
Or the trail leads you astray  
The music of the pack  
Can always bring ya back  
I wonder can we wander away **(Chorus)**

## Big Rock Candy Mountain (capo 4)

C  
In the Big Rock Candy Mountain,  
F C  
There's a land that's fair and bright,  
F C  
Where butterscotch grows on bushes  
D7 G (G7)  
And you can sleep out every night  
C (C7)  
Where the boxcars all are empty  
F C  
And the sun shines every day  
F C F C  
On the birds and the bees, and the peppermint trees  
F C F C  
The lemonade springs, where the bluebird sings  
G C  
In the Big Rock Candy Mountain

In the Big Rock Candy Mountain  
All the bears have wooden legs  
And the bulldogs all have rubber teeth  
And the hens lay soft-boiled eggs  
The farmers' trees are full of fruit  
And the barns are full of hay  
Oh I'm bound to go, where there ain't no snow  
Where the rain don't fall, and the winds don't blow  
In the Big Rock Candy Mountain

In the Big Rock Candy Mountain  
You never change your socks  
And the little streams of chocolate drops  
Come a-trickling down the rocks  
Your birthday comes 'round once a week  
And it's summer all year long  
There's a lake of stew, and marmalade too  
You can paddle all around it in a big canoe  
In the Big Rock Candy Mountain (whistle...)  
I'll see you all this coming fall  
If it's free for one, then it's a free-for-all  
In the Big Rock... Candy Mountain

## **Jamboree**

(C) F  
There's a country store  
C  
In a country town  
G  
Every Friday night  
C  
The people dance around  
It don't look like much  
And it ain't no chore  
But while they're dancin'  
They polish that floor

G C G C  
**They play this song, right on key, they play this song, it's called Jamboree**

There's a little old lady  
Plays a big old bass  
And that banjo maybe  
Shoulda stayed in the case  
And the guitar there  
Has a broken string  
And the fiddle's flyin'  
And everyone sings

**They play this song, almost on key, they play this song, it's called Jamboree**

Fleas in your pants  
Coals on the floor  
You can dance  
If you can count to four  
Grab you a partner  
Hold on tight  
'Cuz we ain't stoppin'  
Until we see the light

**We'll play this song, way off key, we'll play this song,  
It's called Jamboree, it's called Jamboree, it's called Jamboree**

**Evergreen (capo 4)**

F      F/E      C/B      C

A sugar maple sure sounds sweet  
And a nest in an oak tree is hard to beat  
An aspen branch makes a pretty perch  
And I love to land in an old black birch

**But however much they lean  
They'll never come between  
Me and my forever and evergreen**

I can stretch my wings in a mountain ash  
And sing my song from a sassafras  
Or fly to the top of a cottonwood  
And weave through the willows all day if I could **(Chorus)**

## Walking with Spring (capo 4)

C

**Inch by inch by**

F C

**Foot by foot by**

F C G (G7)

**Step by step by mile**

C

**We're takin' it — inch by inch by**

F C

**Foot by foot**

F C

**Till we find ourselves**

G C

**In the wild**

F C F C

We're startin' down south and headin' up north

F C G

Following the path of spring

Dm C

And with every step the leaves turn green

G C

And the whippoorwills start to sing (and they're singin'...) **(Chorus)**

The days get longer and the flowers will open

When they hear that banjo ring

So let's melt the snow and bring out the sun

While we take our walk with Spring (Take a walk now...) **(Instrumental)**

We might as well stop and smell all the roses

Winter's in the past

And there's no need to rush, no there's no need to fuss

'Cuz we ain't goin' nowhere fast

**We'll take it mile by mile by**

**Hour by hour by,**

**Day by day as we climb**

**And then it's week by week by**

**Month by month by,**

**Year by year**

**For a lifetime**

## **Out of Tune (capo 5)**

C

I like it when you sing  
And all the notes agree

F

When the melody is certain

C

And the rhythm is a guarantee

F

C

But I love it when you let go

E7

Am

And howl at the moon

C

Am

'Cuz sometimes the words sound better

F

C

When you sing 'em out of tune

I like it when you play

Right on key

I like it when you fill the space

With perfect harmony

But I love it when you honky-tonk

Like a piano in an old saloon

'Cuz sometimes the notes sound better

When you play 'em out of tune

I like it when you act

As if the world's a stage

And your character delivers

The soliloquies of a sage

But I love it when you go off script

And kiss the girl too soon

'Cuz sometimes the story's better

When you tell it out of tune

... Sometimes life is better

When you live it out of tune

## **Black Bear Mama**

E

We were out having our Jamboree

B

In a little clearing in the dogwood trees

Eatin' biscuits and black-eyed peas

E

Piping hot and steamin'

Black Bear Mama came out of her den

Left the little ones 8, 9, 10

Sayin' don't you worry I'll come back again

And we'll have supper this evenin'

A

E

**She eats honey, from a honeybee**

B

E

**She eats it on biscuits, but she don't eat me**

Black Bear Mama going round the woods

Lookin' for something that'll taste so good

Black Bear Mama playin' Robin Hood

To feed her poor little children

When she found us she looked pretty mean

And we didn't feel like makin' a scene

So we made a donation of pork and beans

Before we got our fillin'

You better run from the foldy rolly tilly tolly

Seeka dubba yoosa cuz a bear's gonna find you (4x - 3rd time sped up) **(Chorus)**

Black Bear Mama went back to her den

To feed her little ones 8, 9, 10

They ate it all up in a gulp, and then

In a minute they were snoring

But Black Bear Mama had a hungry pack

Our campfire cookin' was just a snack

They woke up mama, said you better go back

For hotcakes in the morning (They ate honey...) **(Chorus)**

## Hillbilly Willy (capo 2)

          G                          C  
He takes his showers under waterfalls  
                  D                          G  
Wears oversized over-worn overalls  
          G                          C  
Long underwear underneath  
                  D                          D7  
He's got the Cumberland Gap between his two front teeth

**Get out the way here comes Willy**  
**He's proud to be a banjo-pickin' hillbilly**  
**He wouldn't have it any other way**  
**He'll be running through the hills until his beard turns grey**

G          C          D                          G  
Take it, shake it, get out the guitar and fake it... **(Guitar solo)**

Well he never watches the evening news  
And he don't like wearin' hiking shoes  
His old straw hat is worn n' torn  
They say he came out wearin' it the day he was born **(Chorus)**

Kick it, stick it, bring out the banjo and pick it... **(Banjo solo)**

That old Willy's a fine old man  
He washes his face in a fryin' pan  
He went out to milk and didn't know how  
So he milked the goose instead of the cow **(Chorus)**

String it, swing it, get out the fiddle and wing it... **(Fiddle solo)**

Willy's got a wife that gets a little frilly  
Puts escargot in her homestyle chili  
Drinks champagne from an old canteen  
She makes Willy drive the mule like a limousine **(Chorus)**

## Riddle and Rhyme (capo 5)

Intro: C A

                  D                  D/C#  
When you're hungry and you're brittle  
                  Bm          Bm/A  
And there's little on the griddle  
          G                  G/G#          A7  
It'll whittle out your middle in time  
          D                  D/C#  
So you take out your fiddle  
                  Bm          Bm/A  
And you twiddle up a diddle  
          G          A          D  
And sing a little riddle and rhyme

                  G                  G/F#          Em  
**Little riddle and rhyme for your time on the trail**  
                  D                  D/C#          Bm  
**Little riddle and rhyme for your ride on the rail**  
                  C                  C/B#  A  
**Little riddle and rhyme for a tellin' your tale**  
                  D  
**A little riddle and rhyme**

When you peddle for some metal  
And you settle on a kettle  
That'll level and dislevel your dime  
Then leave the nettle for the rebel  
And that rebel for the devil  
And just bring a little pebble and pine **(Chorus)**

When you're sittin' on a thistle  
And you're sizzlin' some gristle  
This'll turn your little drizzle to shine  
Have a sarsaparizzle fizzle  
Kiss a little in the bristle  
And take little whistle'n time **(Chorus 2x)**





## **Fiddlestick Joe**

G                      C              G  
Eighteen, nineteen, twenty years ago  
G                      D              G  
There was a man called Fiddlestick Joe  
G                      C              G  
Blew into town on a travelin' show  
G    D              G  
Showed us the dance he called the Fiddlestick Joe

**G    C**  
**Fiddlestick Joe, Fiddlestick Joe**  
**G    D**  
**Down from the mountain to the valley below**  
**G    C**  
**Fiddlestick Joe, Fiddlestick Joe**  
**G    D              G**  
**Dancin' and a Fiddlestickin' everywhere you go**

I gotta shovel, my wife's got a hoe  
If that ain't farmin' buddy I don't know  
Chicken in the bread pan pickin' out dough  
Granny does your dog bite? No child no **(Chorus)**

Cornstalk fiddle and a shoestring bow  
Wouldn't play nothin' but Fiddlestick Joe  
Play it all fast or play it all slow  
But don't play nothin' but Fiddlestick Joe **(Fiddle solo)**

I went out west to Idaho  
To see if people there play the Fiddlestick Joe  
I went out east to Tokyo  
People everywhere play the Fiddlestick Joe **(Chorus)**

## Lighten Your Load (capo 3)

                  C  
Ain't it a little bit funny  
                  F  
What you think you need  
                  C  
To climb a hill  
                  G  
And succeed  
                  C  
You bring the kitchen sink  
                  F  
On down the road  
                  C  
When all you really need  
G                  C  
Is a lighter load

                  F  
**Ya gotta lighten your load, kid**  
                  C  
**When ya hit the road**  
                  G  
**I woulda thunk you'd knowed, kid**  
G7                  C  
**Ya gotta lighten your load**

Ain't it a little bit funny, what you think you need  
To write a song, and succeed  
That kitchen sink, ain't no fountain of youth  
All you really need, is the simple truth **(Chorus)**

Ain't it a little bit funny, what we think we need  
To live a life, and succeed  
We take a little of this, we take a lot of that  
When all we really need, is to give it all back **(Chorus)**

Final Chorus:

**We gotta lighten our load, kid**  
**When we hit the road**  
**You would've thunk we'd knowed, kid**  
**We gotta lighten our load**  
**We gotta lighten our load**  
**We gotta lighten our load**

## **Echo (capo 5)**

Intro: G Em C Dx2

G C

I came across a valley

G D

With a wide mountain view

G C

And sang out your name

G D G

With yodel-lodle-lay-he-hoo

C

**Yodel-a-hee-hoo**

G

**Yodel-a-hee-hee**

D

**Yodel-a-hee-hoo**

**D7 G Em C D**

**I'm in love with you**

I fell asleep that evening

Singing up to the night

And that valley was so wide

I heard the echo in the morning light **(Chorus)**

And then came along a rich man

Richer than a king

He tried to buy my song

G D G Em C D G

But money can't make me sing

Ya know love is like an echo

If it's pure and it's true

Then sing it out to the world

And it'll come back to you **(Chorus 2x)**

**(Last chorus: I'm still in love with you)**

## Baby Mine (capo 5)

C

You're my little sweetheart, baby mine

F G

You're my little sweetheart, baby mine

F

You're the sugar lump in my tea

C

You're my homemade recipe

G

C

You're my little sweetheart, baby mine

I'll love you till forever, baby mine

I'll love you till forever, baby mine

5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

Forever's just begun

I'll love you till forever, baby mine

Someday you'll be singing, baby mine

Someday you'll be singing, baby mine

That day's comin' soon

When you'll sing your child this tune

Someday you'll be singing, baby mine

Bridge:

F

C

Still you'll be my baby, baby mine

F

G

Still you'll be my baby, baby mine

Goodnight little darlin', baby mine

Goodnight little darlin', baby mine

Tonight I hope you dream

Of seein' things I've never seen

So, goodnight little darlin', baby mine