

Deep River Blues

Traditional

Three Finger Style Banjo
As played by Don Borchelt

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A 4/4
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5 Sl 11-12 11 0 0 0 8 9 10 8 9 0 0 2 0 8 8 0 0 6 0

9 Sl 2 2 4 2 4 2 8 0 0 10-12 12 12 0 10-11 11 11 0 9

13 Sl 11-12 11 0 0 0 8 9 10 8 9 0 0 2 0 1-2 3 2 1 0 0

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This tab file is based on a duet I recorded back in 2012 with my old banjo picking friend Ed Britt. Ed is playing clawhammer style in double C tuning, capoed on the 2nd fret, while I am three-finger picking in open D. Originally recorded by the Delmore Brothers in 1933, the popular finger-style guitar version often heard today comes from the great Doc Watson, who recorded it for Vanguard Records in 1964. Watson played it in the key of E.