OLD TIME BANJO

RECENTLY, I had a request to present banjo tabs for vocal tunes rather than transcriptions of fiddle tunes. By far, most of my tabs over the past years have been old-time fiddle tunes, but I have done some vocal-banjo songs also: Wild Bill Jones (Jan. '78), Pastures of Plenty and Darling Nelly Gray (Dec. '80), Deck The Halls (Dec. '83) and Cluck Old Hen (June '84).

The Camptown Races is presently one of my family's favorite songs (my two-year old calls it 'Doo-Dah'). The setting here is easy for the right hand, since there is no double thumbing. However, the left hand uses specific chord positions. Holding the chord positions should make playing easier.

CAMPTOWN RACES

Tuning: g CGCD
(Capo 2)

DOO-DAAH DOO-DAAH
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Version 1
A measures 1,2,5,6 & 8
B measures 1,2,4,5,6 & 8

Doo-Dah Doo-Dah

Version 2
A measures 1,2,5 & 6
B measures 1,2,4,5 & 6

Version 1
A measures 3,4 & 7
B measure 7

Version 2
A measures 3,4 & 7
B measure 7

Camptown Races was first published in 1850. It is said that the town of Camptown, New Jersey changed its name to Irvington in self defense, because of so much notoriety. This story is not verified. ("A Treasury Of Stephen Foster," Random House, 1946.)

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