

# My Grandfather's Clock

Key of G - Clawhammer Banjo

(capo 2 for Key of A) G-C-D = A-D-E

1 **G** Intro 2 Verse 3 **D7** 4 5 **C**

(Verse -1) (Verse -2) My grandfather's clock was too tall for the old man himself so it

6 **C** 7 **D7** 8 **G** | 1 9 | 2 10

stood weighed ninety not a pen - ny on the ounce floor more

11 \*\* 12 | 1 13 \*\* **D7** **G** 14 | 2 15 **D7**

It was bought on the morn of the day that he was and born pride

16 **D7** 17 \*\* **G** 18 19 20 **C**

And was al - ways his trea - sure and born pride

21 **G** 22 **D7** 23 **G** 24 25 Vocal Interlude

the old man died

26 **C** **G** \* 27 28 29 **D7** 30 **G**

slumber - ing Tick Tock Tick Tock But it stopped short never to go

31 **A<sub>m</sub>** 32 **G** 33 **D7** 34 **G** 35

a - gain when old man died

\*\* Alternate @ measures 17 & 18

\* Alternate @ measures 26 & 27

Tic Toc Tic Toc  
chime brush

My grandfather's clock was too large for the shelf  
 So it stood ninety years on the floor  
 It was larger by half than the old man himself  
 Though it weighed not a penny ounce more.

## Verse 1 -2

It was bought on the morn of the day that he was born  
 And was always his treasure and pride  
 But it stopped, short, never to go again  
 When the old man died.

## Verse 2 -1

In watching its pendulum swing to and fro  
 Many hours he had spent when a boy  
 And in childhood and manhood the clock seemed to know  
 And to share both his sorrows and joys.



## Verse 2 -2

For it struck twenty-four when he entered at the door  
 With his blooming and beautiful bride  
 But it stopped, short, never to go again  
 When the old man died.

## Interlude

Ninety years without slumbering, tick, tock, tick, tock  
 His life seconds numbering, tick, tock, tick, tock  
 It stopped, short, never to go again, when the old man died.

## Verse 3 -1

My grandfather said of all those he could hire  
 Not a servant so faithful he found  
 For it wasted no time, and had but one desire  
 At the close of each week to be wound.

## Verse 3 -2

It was kept in its place, not a frown upon its face  
 And its hands never hung by its side  
 But it stopped, short, never to go again  
 When the old man died.

## Interlude

Ninety years without slumbering, tick, tock, tick, tock  
 His life seconds numbering, tick, tock, tick, tock  
 It stopped, short, never to go again, when the old man died.

- \* lightly brush open fret or chime
- Chime @ 12th fret (14th when capoed)
- Harmonic chimes imitates clock ticks
- Practice this separately to get chime sound - left hand pinky slightly touching

[Grandfather's clock Youtube](#)

To Play along:

Play Intro through measure 9 (banjo)  
 Verse 1

Play measure 1 through 9

Play measure 1 through 8 and then 10

Play measure 11 through 14

Play measure 11 through 13 and then 15

Play measure 16 through 24

Play measure 2-9

Verse 2 (repeat Verse 1 measures)

Vocal Interlude

Play measure 25 through 27 (banjo)

Repeat measure 25 through 27

Play measure 28 through 35

Play measure 1 through 9

Verse 3

Verse 3 (repeat Verse 1 measures)

Vocal Interlude

Play measure 25 through 27 (banjo)

Repeat measure 25 through 27

Play measure 28 through 35 (end strum)