My Grandfather's Clock

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

(Verse -1) My grandfather's clock was too tall for the shelf so it stood ninety years on the floor weighing not a penny ounce more.

(Verse -2) It was larger by half than the old man himself though it weighed not a penny ounce more.

But it stopped short never to go again when the old man died.

** Alternate @ measures 17 & 18
Verse 1
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 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 3
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
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.

Verse 3
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
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.

Verse 2
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
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

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To Play along:
Play Intro through measure 9 (banjo)  
Verse 1
Play measure 1 though 9
Play measure 1 though 8 and then 10
Play measure 11 though 14
Play measure 11 though 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 though 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)