Old Rattler  
From the singing of Grandpa Jones

Open strum Played briskly

Verse
1 Old Rattler was a good old dog; As blind as he could be

Refrain
Here! Rattler, Help! Help!; Here! Rattler! Here!

Banjo break

2 Old Rattler tree'd the other night; And I tho't he'd tree'd a 'coon

When I come to find out; He was barkin' at the moon

Refrain

3 Well, grandma had a yeller hen; We set her as you know

We set her on three buzzard eggs; And hatched out one old crow

Refrain

4 Grandpa had a muley cow; She was muley when she's born

It took a jaybird forty year; To fly from horn to horn

Banjo break

5 Now if I had a needle and thread; As fine as I could sew

I'd sew my sweetheart to my back; And down the road I'd go

Refrain

6 Old Rattler was a smart old dog; Even tho' he was blind

He wouldn't hurt one single thing; Tho' he was very fine.

One night I saw a big fat 'coon; Climb up in a tree
I called old Rattler right away; To get 'im down fer me.

But Rattler wouldn't do it; Because he liked that 'coon
I saw them walkin' paw in paw; Later by the light of the moon, oh!

Refrain

7 Now old Rattler's dead and gone; Like all good dogs do

You better not act a dog yourself; Or you'll be goin' there too

Refrain

Banjo break (X2) 2nd fast

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Drop C Tuning-Key of D (Capo 2)

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   Ev'ry night at supper time; I believe that dog could see.

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Refrain
Here! Rattler, Help! Help!; Here! Rattler! Here!
Call old Rattler from the barn; Here, Rattler! Here!

Note: measure 9*
(Help! sounds like Hyo!)

Alternate Drop-thumb measure 9*

Banjo break

Alternate Drop-thumb measure 14**

Banjo break (X2) 2nd fast