

Old Rattler

Open strum

From the singing of Grandpa Jones

Played briskly

1 **C Verse** 2 **G Tuning-Key of D (Capo 2)** 3 4 **G**

The tablature shows the following fret numbers for measures 1-8 (Verse):

- Measure 1: D (1), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 2: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 3: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 4: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 5: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 6: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 7: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 8: D (3), B (0), G (0), D (0), G (0)

The lyrics for measures 1-8 are: "Old Ratt - ler was a good old dog As blind as he could be".

Measures 9-12 (Refrain):

- Measure 9: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 10: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 11: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 12: D (3), B (0), G (0), D (0), G (0)

The lyrics for measures 9-12 are: "Here Ratt - ler help help Here, Ratt - ler here".

Measures 13-16 (Refrain):

- Measure 13: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 14: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 15: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0)
- Measure 16: D (3), B (0), G (0), D (0), G (0)

The lyrics for measures 13-16 are: "Call Ratt - ler from the barn Here, Ratt - ler here".

Verse

1 Old Rattler was a good old dog; As blind as he could be
Ev'ry night at supper time; I believe that dog could see.

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

Note:
(Help! sounds like Hvo!)

Ol Rattler Grandpa Jones

Alternate Drop-thumb
measure 9*

9 **C**

The tablature shows fret numbers: D (2), B (1), G (0), D (0), G (0). Fingerings: i t i t.

Alternate Drop-thumb
measure 14**

14 **G**

The tablature shows fret numbers: D (0), B (0), G (0), D (0), G (0). Fingerings: i t i t.

Alternate measure 10***

10 **C**

The tablature shows fret numbers: D (5), B (5), G (5), D (5), G (0). Fingerings: 5 5 5 5.

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5 6 7 8 C

Ev - ry night at sup - per time I believe that dog could see

9 * Refrain 10 *** 11 12 G

Here Ratt - ler help help Here, Ratt - ler here

13 14 ** 15 16 C

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9 C

i t i t

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measure 14**

14 G

i t i t

Alternate measure 10***

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