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# The Old Man Below

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(uses carter-style picking)

## Vocal backup

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## Instrumental

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If you want to get married I'll tell you where to go,  
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The old folks is gone and the girls all at home,  
They want to get married but their heads not combed.

Children, children a-crying for bread,  
Go and build on a fire just as high as your head;  
Then you rake in the ashes for to lie in the dough,  
And the name that you give them is dough boy dough.

They called me in to supper and I thought I'd go eat,  
I went to the table for to carve on the meat,  
I had an old dull knife and I had not a fork,  
I sawed about an hour and I never made a mark.

I sawed another hour and I got him in my plate,  
Then the girls said "Young man, you'd better wait,  
Young man, young man, you better run,  
For the old man's a-coming with his double barrell'd gun".

The old man a-grinning as he came a-walking in,  
Patches on his britches and whiskers on his chin;  
He had an old hat that he wore the year around,  
But he had neither hat nor the brim, nor the crown.

I stood right there just as brave as a bear,  
And I wiggled my finger in the old man's hair;  
Then he says, "My man, I think you're the best,  
Pull you up a chair, son, and set down and rest."

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