

"Old-Time River Man" - BANJO & MANDOLIN

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G: VERSE (Rhythm Mandolin)...

C

4/4 time signature. Measure 1: Rest. Measure 2: 3 up, 2, 0, 0. Measure 3: 3 up, 2, 0, 0. Measure 4: 8 up, 7, 5, 5. Measure 5: 8 up, 7, 5, 5. Chord symbols: B, B, B, B.

Pick-Up...

G: VERSE: BANJO SOLO...

C

4/4 time signature. Measure 1: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 2: 0, 0, 0, 2. Measure 3: 0, 1, 1, 2. Measure 4: 0, 0, 0, 0. Chord symbol: H. Lyrics: i T T T i T i m T i i T i m T i m

D

D7

4/4 time signature. Measure 5: 10 up, 9, 7, 7. Measure 6: 10 up, 9, 7, 7. Measure 7: 8 up, 9, 7, 7. Measure 8: 8 up, 9, 7, 7. Measure 9: 8 up, 9, 7, 7. Measure 10: 8 up, 9, 7, 7. Chord symbols: B, B, B, B, B, B.

D

D7

4/4 time signature. Measure 5: 0, 2, 2, 0. Measure 6: 2, 2, 1, 0. Measure 7: 0, 2, 2, 0. Measure 8: 0, 0, 0, 0. Chord symbol: H. Lyrics: i T T m T m T i m T T T i m T i

(D7)

G

4/4 time signature. Measure 9: 8 up, 9, 7, 7. Measure 10: 8 up, 9, 7, 7. Measure 11: 3 up, 2, 0, 0. Measure 12: 3 up, 2, 0, 0. Measure 13: 3 up, 2, 0, 0. Measure 14: 3 up, 2, 0, 0. Chord symbols: B, B, B, B, B, B.

(D7)

G

4/4 time signature. Measure 9: 0, 2, 3, 0. Measure 10: 3, 2, 0, 0. Measure 11: 0, 0, 2, 3. Measure 12: 0, 0, 2, 0. Measure 13: 0, 0, 0, 0. Measure 14: 0, 0, 0, 0. Chord symbol: H. Lyrics: i i m T i m T i m T i m i T m T m T m T T

(G) C D

10

i T i m T i i T i m T i m i T T m

D7 (D7)

13

T m T i m T T T i m T i i i m T i m T

G C: CHORUS...

16

i m T i m i T m T m T i m T i T m T i m T i

19

D

T i m T m i T T m T i m T i T i m T m i T

22

C D G

i T i m T i m i m T i m T i T i m T i m

25

(G) C

T m T m T T i T i m T i i T i m T i m

28

D D7

i T T m T m T i m T T T i m T i

31

(D7) G

i i m T i m T i m T i m i T m T m T m T T

G: VERSE: MANDO SOLO...

C D D7

G: VERSE Back-Up Banjo...

C D D7

38

(D7) G

(D7) G

(G: Again)... C D D7

42

(G: Again)... C D D7

(D7) G

46

(D7) G

C: CHORUS...

D

50

C: CHORUS...

D

C

D

G

54

C

D

G

(G: Again)...

C

D

D7

58

(G)

C

D

D7

62

(D7) 1G Repeat...

(D7) G (Lead-In)... Repeat...

2. G (END)...

66

G (END)...

VERSE 1...

Where does an old time river man go,
 After he's passed away?
 Does his soul still keep, a watch on the deep,
 For the rest of his river days?

VERSE 2...

Does he then come back, as a channel cat?
 Or the wasps that light on the keel?
 Or the birds that fly through the summer sky?
 Or the fish swimming under the keel?

CHORUS #1...

Where does an old time pilot go,
 After he's stood his last watch?
 Does he fall by the ear of the man who steers,
 Sayin', "Son, hold her on that notch?"

CHORUS #2...

There's a gentle sneeze, in the river breeze,
 Sayin', "Son, I'm goin' to bed"...
 And the lights that go off in the night...
 Or was it fire-flies, instead?

VERSE 3...

Where does an old time river man go,
 After he's cooled her down?
 Gone up the hill to never come back,
 On the quiet side of town...

VERSE 4...

Does his soul live on, in the engine's song?
 While the striker checks the gears?
 Is he still afloat, on an old steam boat,
 After he's gone from here?