

Arkansas Traveller

M: G; F: C or D, capo 5 or 7
CD 1-Track 8

Traditional

G
 2. A traveller was riding by that day,
 D
 And stopped to hear him a-practicing away.
 G
 The cabin was afloat and his feet were wet,
 D G
 But still the old man didn't seem to fret.
 G C G D
 So the stranger said: "Now the way it seems to me,
 G C G D
 You'd better mend your roof," said he.

G C G D
 But the old man said, as he played away:
 G D G
 "I couldn't mend it now, it's a rainy day."

3. The traveller replied: "That's all quite true,
 But this, I think, is the thing for you to do;
 Get busy on a day that is fair and bright,
 Then pitch the old roof till it's good and tight."
 But the old man kept on a-playing at his reel,
 And tapped the ground with his leathery heel:
 "Get along," said he, "for you give me a pain;
 My cabin never leaks when it doesn't rain."