

# BILE THEM CABBAGE DOWN

Traditional Old-Time, Breakdown; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Fiddle and Instrumental Tunes **RECORDED BY:** Charlie Monroe and the Kentucky Partners; Gid Tanner and the Skillet Lickers; Flatt & Scruggs; **OTHER NAMES:** Boil Them Cabbage Down; Bake Them Hoecakes Brown; Raccoon and the Possum; **NOTES:** On Bluegrass Messengers' CD "Bluegrass Boogie."

G C G D  
Bile them cab - bage down boys bake them hoe cakes brown The  
G C G D G  
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G C  
Raccoon has a bushy tail  
G D  
Possum's tail is bare  
G C  
Rabbit's got no tail at all  
G D G  
But a little bunch of hair

## Chorus:

Bile them cabbage down boys  
Bake that hoecake brown  
The only song that I can sing is  
Bile them cabbage down

Raccoon and the possum  
Coming cross the prairie  
Raccoon said to the possum  
Did she want to marry *Chorus*

Raccoon up a 'simmon tree  
Possum on the ground  
Possum say to the raccoon  
"Won't you shake them 'simmons down?" *Chorus*

Jaybird died with the whooping cough  
Sparrow died with the colic  
Along came the frog with a fiddle on his back  
Inquiring his way to the frolic *Chorus*