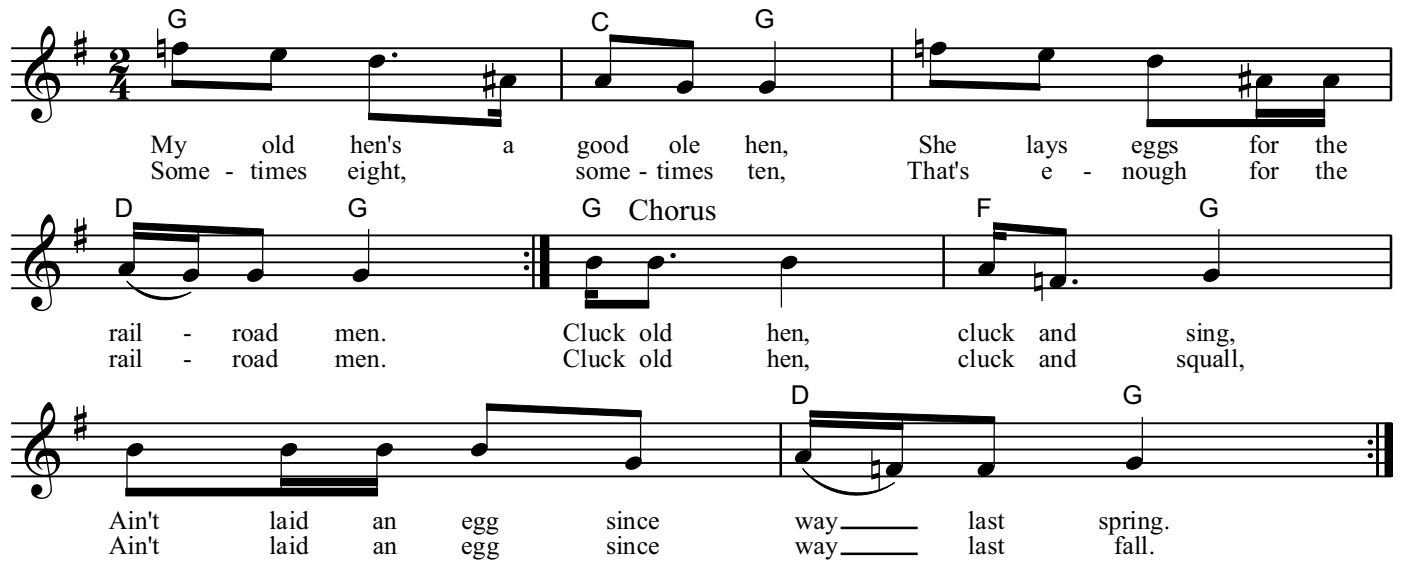


CLUCK OLD HEN

Traditional Bluegrass and Old-Time breakdown; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **OTHER NAMES:** "Cluckin' Hen," "Snowbird in Ashbank;" "Knock-Kneed Nanny And Fare-Thee-Well" **RECORDING INFO:** Earliest recording is Fiddlin' Powers and Family; Wade Ward; Tommy Jarrell; **NOTES:** "Cluck Old Hen" is a well-known tune and song through the Appalachian South, quite distinct from "Cackling Hen." As an instrumental tune, it is popular on both fiddle and banjo. On the fiddle, one of the tune's special features is the "cluck" made by left-hand picking of the strings. Mt. Airy, North Carolina, fiddler Tommy Jarrell tells us that "Cluck Old Hen" is in the "old-timey tuning of A" also called the "sawmill key" (AEAE). On Bluegrass Messenger's CD "Don't Let Your Deal Go Down."



My old hen's a good ole hen, She lays eggs for the
Some - times eight, some - times ten, That's e - nough for the
rail - road men. Cluck old hen, cluck and sing,
rail - road men. Cluck old hen, cluck and squall,
Ain't laid an egg since way last spring.
Ain't laid an egg since way last fall.

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My old hen's a good ole hen, She lays eggs for the railroad men.
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Sometimes eight, sometimes ten, And that's enough for the railroad men.

G F G D G
Cluck Old Hen, cluck and sing, Ain't laid an egg since way last spring.
G F G D G
Cluck Old Hen, cluck and squall, Ain't laid an egg since way last fall.

I had a little hen, she had a wooden leg, The best danged hen that ever laid eggs.
Laid more eggs than the hens around the barn, Another little drink wouldn't do me no harm.

Cluck old hen, cluck a lot, The next time you cluck, you'll cook in a pot.
Cluck old hen, cluck all night, Soon you will be Chicken Delight.

My old hen, she won't do, She lays eggs and taters too.
My old hen died, what'll I do, Guess I'll have some chicken stew.

Cluck old hen, cluck and sing, Cluck old hen, I got you by the wing.
Cluck old hen, cluck for your corn, Cluck old hen, your winter's all gone.