

GO LONG MULE

Bluegrass Song- Written by Richard L. Matteson Jr. **DATE:** 1993; **CATEGORY:** New Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Matteson Blues "True Blue;" Bluegrass Messengers "Diggin' Up Roots;" **NOTES:** New music by Richard Matteson. Lyrics based on Uncle Dave Macon's song, Go Long Mule.

The musical score is written on three staves of music. Above the notes are guitar chords: C, F, C, F, C, F, G, C, F on the first staff; C, F, G, C, F, C on the second staff; and G, C, F, C, F, G, C on the third staff. The lyrics are: "I've got a mule He's such a fool He nev-er pays me no heed I lit a fire be-neath his tail and then he showed me some speed. Go 'long mule Don't you roll dem eyes. You can change a fool but a dog-gone mule is a mule un-til he dies".

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C F C F C F G
1. I got a mule, he's such a fool, He never pays no heed.
C F C F G C
I built a fire beneath his tail, And then he showed me some speed.
F G
Chorus: Go 'long mule, don't you roll them eyes
C F C F G C
You can change a fool but a doggone mule, Is a mule until he dies.

2. I drove down to the graveyard late last night, Some peaceful rest to find,
But when a black cat crossed my path, I sure did change my mind.

3, I bought some biscuits for my dog, And I laid them on the shelf
Times got so hard, I shot the dog, And ate that bread myself.

4. A cowslip aint no kind of slip, To slip upon a cow.
That's why a catfish never answers, To a cat's meow.

5. I'm goin' down to that Muddy River, To lay me down and die,
And if I find the water's wet, I'll wait until it's dry.