

# GOIN' 'CROSS THE MOUNTAIN

Traditional Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** 1800's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Frank Proffitt; Pete Seeger; **OTHER NAMES:** Going Across the Mountain; **NOTES:** A Civil War era song that Frank Proffitt learned from his father, Wiley. There being little political connection between mountain folk and the "secesh" south, many southern Appalachian men opted to join the union forces. Wiley's father, John Proffitt, was a member of the 13th Tennessee Cavalry, USA. John's brother was conscripted, and fought for the Confederacy.

D A

Goin' a - cross the moun - tain Oh, fare you well,

D G D

Goin' a - cross the moun - tain, You can hear my ban - jo tell.

© 2006 by Mel Bay Publications, Inc. BMI  
All Rights Reserved.

D A

I'm goin' across the mountain, oh, fare you well

D G D

Goin' 'cross the mountain, you can hear my banjo tell

D A

Got my rifle on my back, my powder it is dry

D G D

Goin' 'cross the mountain, Chrissy, don't you cry.

D A

Goin' across the mountain to join the boys in blue

D G D

When the war is over, I'll come back to you

D A

Goin' across the mountain if I have to crawl

D G D

Give old cap's men some of my rifle ball.

Waitin' for it's good n' daylight, if nothin' happens to me  
I'll be wary down yonder in old Tennessee  
I'll expect you'll miss me when I'm gone, but I'm goin' through  
When this fightin's over, I'll come back to you.

Got my own waist coat, got my mountain dew  
Chrissy, don't you worry 'cause I'll come back to you  
I'm goin' across the mountain, oh fare you well  
Goin' 'cross the mountain, you can hear my banjo tell.