

# OLD BLUE

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Jim Jackson- 1928; Mike Seeger and Alice Gerrard; Dillards; **OTHER NAMES:** Dog Blue; **NOTES:** Hill people and back country folk used to live off hunting, and a good hound dog was worth his weight in gold. Old Blue has been sung by African-American construction gangs, 1915-1916 and Perrow collected a version in 1909.

I raised a dog and his name was Blue, And I bet - cha five  
E - ver - y night just a - bout dark Blue goes

dol - lars he's a good one too. Come on Blue you good dog you,  
out and be - gins to bark

Come on Blue you good dog you.

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**D** **A7** **D**  
I had an old dog and his name was Blue, Betcha five dollars he's a good dog too.

**D** **A7** **D**  
Every night just about good dark, Blue goes out and begins to bark

**A7** **D** **A7** **D**  
Come old Blue, you good dog you. Come old Blue, you good dog you.

Blue chased a possum up a 'simmon tree, Barked at the possum and grinned at me.  
Chased that possum way out on a limb, Blue sat down and he talked to him  
Come old Blue, you good dog you. Come old Blue, you good dog you.

Blue got sick, he got mighty sick, Called for the doctor to come right quick.  
The doctor come and he come in a run, But he said old Blue your huntin's done.  
Come old Blue, you good dog you. Come old Blue, you good dog you.

Old Blue died and he died so hard, He shook the ground in my back yard.  
I dug his grave with a silver spade, And lowered him down with a length of chain.  
Come old Blue, you good dog you. Come old Blue, you good dog you.

There's just one thing that troubles my mind, Blue went to heaven and left me behind.  
When I get to heaven, first thing I'll do, Is get my horn and call for Blue.  
Come old Blue, you good dog you. Come old Blue, you good dog you