

# OLD RATTLER

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** George Reneau- 1924; Elizabeth Cotton; Grandpa Jones-1947; John Snipes; **OTHER NAMES:** Here Rattler Here; **NOTES:** Listed as *Here Rattler Here* by Meade from George Reneau's 1924 recording, Old Rattler closely resembles the song, Fox Chase. The classic recording of this song is Grandpa Jones recording on King 668 in 1947.

Old Rat - tl - er was a good old dog. As blind as he could be.

Ev - 'ry night at sup - per time, I be - lieve that dog could see. Here, Rat - tl - er, help help

Here, Rat - tl - er, Help call Rat - tl - er from the barn. Here, Rat - tl - er, here.

**C** Old Rattler was a good old dog; **G7** As blind as he could be

**C** Ev'ry night at supper time; I believe that dog could see.

**G7** **Chorus:** Here! Rattler, (Help! Help!) Here! Rattler! (Help!)

**C** Call old Rattler from the barn; Here! Rattler! Here!

Old Rattler tree'd the other night; And I tho't he'd tree'd a 'coon  
 When I come to find out; He was barkin' at the moon.  
 Well, grandma had a yeller hen; We set her as you know  
 We set her on three buzzard eggs; And hatched out one old crow.

Grandpa had a muley cow; She was muley when she's born  
 It took a jaybird forty year; To fly from horn to horn.  
 Now if I had a needle and thread; As fine as I could sew  
 I'd sew my sweetheart to my back; And down the road I'd go

Old Rattler was a smart old dog; Even tho' he was blind  
 He wouldn't hurt one single thing; Tho' he was very fine.  
 One night I saw a big fat 'coon; Climb up in a tree  
 I called old Rattler right away; To get 'im down fer me.

But Rattler wouldn't do it; Because he liked that 'coon  
 I saw them walkin' paw in paw; Later by the light of the moon.  
 Now old Rattler's dead and gone; Like all good dogs do  
 You better not act a dog yourself; Or you'll be goin' there too.

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