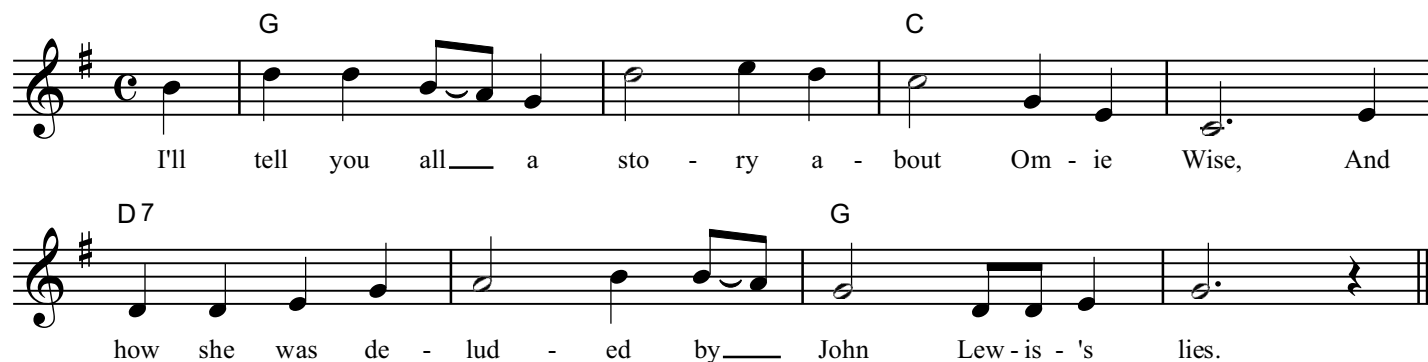


OMIE WISE (LAWS F4)

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** 1874; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Grayson & Whitter-Victor 21625, 1927; Clarence Tom Ashley-1929; Doug Wallin; Dock Boggs; Roscoe Holcomb; Doc Watson; **OTHER NAMES:** Naomi Wise; **NOTES:** Nineteen year old Naomi Wise was murdered in the summer of 1808, in Deep River near Asheboro NC. Her husband Jonathon Lewis was arrested for the crime, escaped, and not recaptured until 1815 at which time he was acquitted.



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G **C** **D7** **G**
I'll tell you all a story about Omie Wise, How she was deluded by John Lewis's lies

G **C**
He told her to meet him at Adams's spring

D7 **G**
He'd bring her some money and some other fine things.

He brought her no money nor other fine things
But get up behind me, Omie, to Squire Ellet's we'll go
She got up behind him, so caref'ly we'll go
They rode 'til they came where deep waters did flow.

John Lewis he concluded to tell her his mind
John Lewis he concluded to leave her behind
She threw her arms around him "John spare me my life
And I'll go distracted and never be your wife."

He threw her arms from 'round him and into the water she plunged
John Lewis he turned 'round and went back to Adams's hall
He went inquiring for Omie but Omie she is not here
She's gone to some neighbor's house and won't be gone very long.

John Lewis was took a pris'ner and locked up in the jail
Was locked up in the jail around, was there to remain a while
John Lewis he stayed there for six months or maybe more
Until he broke jail, into the army he did go.