

# SKILLET GOOD AND GREASY

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's (Uncle Dave Macon- 1924); **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Uncle Dave Macon, "" (Vocalion 14848, 1924); Henry Whitter "Keep My Skillet Good and Greasy" (OK 40296- 1924); John Henry Howard "Gonna Keep My Skillet Greasy" (Gnt 3124- 1925); Don Stover & the White Oak Mountain Boys; Doc Watson; **OTHER NAMES:** Bootlegger's Blues; Gonna Keep My Skillet Greasy; Keep My Skillet Good and Greasy; **RELATED TO:** Gonna Have a Feast Here Tonight (Rabbit in a Log); Salty Dog; **NOTES:** This song is recognized primarily by the line "(Gonna) keep my skillet (good and) greasy all the time." It is related to Rabbit in a Log/ Feast Here Tonight and has floating lyrics with "Salty Dog." Uncle Dave first recorded this song acoustically in 1924 and it was his first hit. It continued to be a favorite so it was redone in better sound in 1935. According to Charles Wolfe, Sid Harkreader always said Uncle Dave got it from 'an old colored man' who worked at the Readyville Mill near where Macon worked. The song was part of that 'common stock' of banjo and fiddle tunes and songs in the black and white traditions.

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I'm go - in' down - town, gon - na get me a sack of

flour,\_\_\_ Gon-na cook it ev - 'ry hour.Keep my skil - let good and

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greas - y all the time,\_\_\_ time,\_\_\_ time. Skil - let good\_3 and

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I'se gwine down town gonna get me a sack of flour

Gwine cook it every hour

Keep my skillet good and greasy all the time, time, time

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Keep my skillet good and greasy all the time.

Honey, if you say so, I'll never work-a no more

I'll bed down on the floor.

I'll lay round your shanty all the time, time, time

I'll lay round your shanty all the time

I'se gwine to the hills for to buy me a jug of brandy

Gwine give it all to Mandy

Keep her good and drunk and boozy all the time, time, time

Keep her good and drunk and boozy all the time