

# SWEET BUNCH OF DAISIES

Traditional Old-Time Waltz and Bluegrass Song by Anita Owen; **DATE:** 1894; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Richard Matteson, American Fiddle Tunes for Acoustic Guitar- Mel Bay Pub. CD; Kenny Baker; Chubby Wise; Oscar Whittington; Uncle Dave Macon; Clark Kessinger; **NOTES:** There are two versions of Sweet Bunch of Daisies, one is a breakdown in common time the other is a waltz (the Kenny Baker/ Chubby Wise) version that is included here. The earliest fiddle citation for this tune is from Arizona fiddler Kenner C. Kartchner who learned it as one of his first, in 1898 (Shumway). It was remembered by north Georgia fiddler Lowe Stokes (1898-1982) as having been fiddled by his father. "Sweet Bunch of Daisies" was recorded in 1924 for Gennett and in 1929 for Columbia by fiddler Jess Young (Chattanooga, Tenn.), and apparently popularized by him among fiddlers (C. Wolfe, The Devil's Box, Dec. 1981, Vol. 15, #4). It appears in the repertoires of both the Stripling Brothers (Ala.) and Freeny's Barn Dance Band (twin fiddle band from Leake County, Mississippi), 1930. Tommy Magness (1911-1972), born in north Georgia near the southeastern Tennessee border, knew the tune and recorded it for Roy Acuff on a home recorder in 1948. Only the chorus lyrics are included since it is usually the fiddle melody.

G D7/F# G G7 C E°7 G  
Sweet bunch of dai - sies brought from the dell.

G D7/F# G E A  
Kiss me once dar - ling Dai -

A7 D G D7/F# G  
sies won't tell Give me your prom - ise

G7 C E°7 G C  
O Sweet - heart do Dar -

E°7 G E+ A D G  
ling I love you, Will you be true?

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G D7 G C E°7 G  
Sweet bunch of daisies, brought from the dell,  
G D7 G E A D  
Kiss me once, darling, daisies won't tell.  
G D7 G C E°7 G  
Give me your promise, oh sweetheart do,  
C E°7 G E+ A D G  
Darling I love you, will you be true?