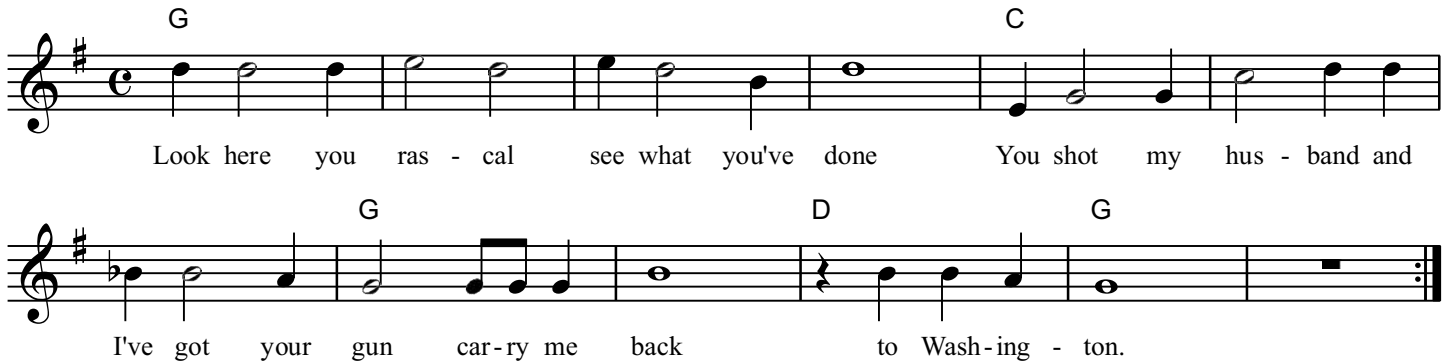


WHITE HOUSE BLUES

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Charlie Poole and the North Carolina Ramblers- 1926; Flatt & Scruggs & the Foggy Mountain Boys; Greenbriar Boys; Wade Mainer; Satanley Brothers-1947; Bill Monroe-1954; Charlie Monroe & the Kentucky Pardners; Muleskinner; Don Reno, Bill Harrell and the Tenn. Cutups; Stoneman's Dixie Mountaineers; Doc Watson; **OTHER NAMES:** Mister McKinley; Road to Washington; **NOTES:** White House Blues is based on the shooting death of President William McKinley by anarchist Leon Czolgosz on Sept 6, 1901. MacKinley's wounds should not have been serious, but his inept doctor decided to operate immediately rather than wait for a specialist. The same tune is used for the old-time song, "Battleship of Maine."



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I've got your gun car - ry me back to Wash - ing - ton.

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Look here you rascal, see what you've done
C **G**
You shot my husband and I've got your gun
D **G**
Carry me back to Washington.

McKinley hollered , McKinley squalled
Doctor said, "McKinley, I can't find the cause
You're bound to die, you're hound to die."

He jumped on his horse, he pulled on his mane
Said, "Listen you horse, you got to out run this train
From Buffalo to Washington."

The doctor come a running, took off his specs
Said, "Mr. McKinley, betteincash in your cheeks
You're bound to die, you're bound to die."

Roosevelt's in the White House, doing his best
McKinley's in the graveyard, taking his rest
He's gone, he's gone.