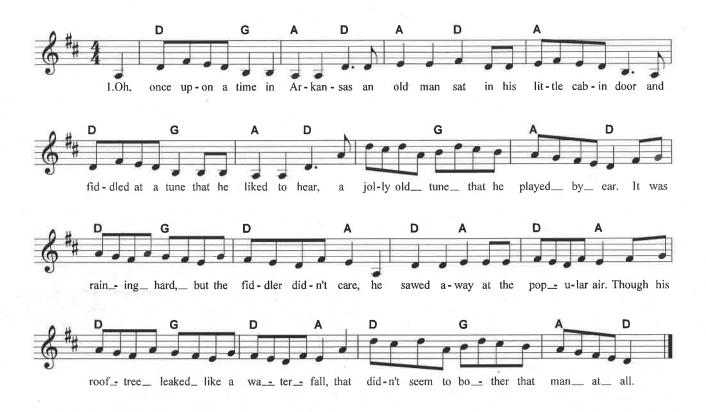
Arkansas Traveller

USA

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- 2. A traveller was riding by that day, / and stopped to hear him a-practicing away. The cabin was afloat and his feet were wet, / but still the old man didn't seem to fret. So the stranger said: "Now the way it seems to me, / you'd better mend your roof," said he. But the old man said, as he played away: / "I couldn't mend it now, it's a rainy day."
- 3. The traveller replied: "That's all quite true, / but this, I think, is the thing for you to do; Get busy on a day that is fair and bright, / then pitch the old roof till it's good and tight." But the old man kept on a-playing at his reel, / and tapped the ground with his leathery heel: "Get along," said he, "for you give me a pain; / my cabin never leaks when it doesn't rain."

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