

# **Beginning Bluegrass**

## **Jam Songs**

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Most of these songs are from Pete Wernick's DVD Bluegrass Jamming "A Guide for Newcomers and Closet Pickers."

## Transposing Table

KEY	I	ii	iii	IV	V	vi
A	A	Bm	C#m	D	E	F#M
B	B	C#m	D#m	E	F#	G#m
C	C	Dm	Em	F	G	Am
D	D	Em	F#m	G	A	Bm
E	E	F#m	G#m	A	B7	C#m
F	F	Gm	Am	Bb	C	Dm
G	G	Am	Bm	C	D	Em

# Angel Band

Ralph Stanley

Album: Saturday Night and Sunday Morning

**G/I**                      **C/IV**    **G/I**  
My latest sun is sinking fast

**D/V**    **G/I**  
My race is nearly run

**G/I**                                      **C/IV**    **G/I**  
My strongest trials now are past

**D/V**    **G/I**  
My triumph has begun

**D/V**                      **G/I**  
Oh come angel band

**D/V**                      **G/I**  
Come and around me stand

**C/IV**                                      **G/I**  
Oh bear me away on your snow white wings

**D/V**                      **G/I**  
To my immortal home

**C/IV**                                      **G/I**  
Oh bear me away on your snow white wings

**D/V**                      **G/I**  
To my immortal home

## [Instrumental Break]

Oh bear my longing heart to him  
Who bled and died for me  
Who's blood now cleanses from all sin  
And gives me victory

## [CHORUS] Instrumental Break

I know I'm near the holy ranks  
Of friends and kindred dear  
I brush the dew on Jordan's banks  
The crossing must be near

## [CHORUS] Instrumental Break

I've almost gained my heavenly home  
My spirit loudly sings  
The holy ones, behold they come  
I hear the noise of wings

## [CHORUS]

## Banks Of The Ohio

Key: **G**

**I/G** **V/D**  
I asked my love to take a walk,  
**I/G**  
Just a little way's with me.  
**IV/C**  
An' as we walked, then we would talk  
**I/G V/D I/G**  
All about our wedding day.

### [CHORUS]

Darlin', say that you'll be mine;  
In our home we'll happy be,  
Down beside where the waters flow,  
On the banks of the Ohio.

### [Instrumental Break]

I held a knife against her breast  
As into my arms she pressed  
She said Willie, don't you murder me  
I'm unprepared for eternity

### [CHORUS] Instrumental Break

I took her by her pretty white hand,  
I led her down the banks of sand,  
I plunged her in where she would drown,  
An' watched her as she floated down.

### [CHORUS] Instrumental Break

Returnin' home between twelve and one,  
Thinkin', Lord, what a deed I've done;  
I'd killed the girl I love, you see,  
Because she would not marry me.

### [CHORUS] Instrumental Break

The very next day, at half past four,  
The sheriff walked right to my door;  
He says, "Young man, don't try to run.  
You'll pay for this awful crime you've done.

### [CHORUS]

Blue Moon Of Kentucky

Pete Wernick DVD

\* Alternate chords are for capo on 5<sup>th</sup> fret.

**I(C/G)\*** **IV(F/C)**  
Blue moon of Kentucky, keep on shining  
**I(C/G)** **V(G/D)**  
Shine on the one that's gone and proved untrue  
**I(C/G)** **IV(F/C)**  
Blue moon of Kentucky, keep on shining  
**I(C/G)** **V(G/D)** **I(C/G)**  
Shine on the one that's gone and left me blue

**IV(F/C)** **I(C/G)**  
It was on a moonlight night the stars were shining bright  
**IV(F/C)** **I(C/G)** **V(G/D)**  
And they whisper from on high: Your love has said goodbye  
**I(C/G)** **IV(F/C)**  
Blue moon of Kentucky keep on shining  
**I(C/G)** **V(G/D)** **I(C/G)**  
Shine on the one that's gone and said goodbye.

# Blue Ridge Cabin Home

Pete Wernick DVD

Key: **G**

**I(G)** **IV(C)**  
There's a well beaten path in the old mountainside  
**V(D)** **I(G)**  
Where I wandered when I was a lad  
**I(G)** **IV(C)**  
And I wandered alone to the place I call home  
**V(D)** **I(G)**  
In those Blue Ridge hills far away

## [Chorus]

**I(G)** **IV(C)**  
**Oh I love those hills of old Virginia**  
**V(D)** **I(G)**  
**From those Blue Ridge hills I did roam**  
**I(G)** **IV(C)**  
**When I die won't you bury me on the mountain**  
**V(D)** **I(G)**  
**Far away near my Blue Ridge mountain home**

Now my thoughts wander back to that ramshackle shack  
In those blue ridge hills far away  
Where my mother and dad were laid there to rest  
They are sleeping in peace together there

## [Chorus]

I return to that old cabin home with the sigh  
I've been longing for days gone by  
When I die won't you bury me on that old mountain side  
Make my resting place upon the hills so high

## [Chorus]

**Repeat Last Line of Chorus to end**

# BURY ME BENEATH THE WILLOW

The Carter Family

Key: G

**G/I**

**C/IV**

My heart is sad and I'm in sorrow

**G/I**

**D/V**

Weeping for the one I love

**G/I**

**C/IV**

When shall I see her, oh, no never

**G/I**

**D/V**

**G/I**

'Till we meet in heaven above.

## [Chorus]

**G/I**

**C/IV**

Then bury me beneath the willow

**G/I**

**D/V**

Under the weeping willow tree

**G/I**

**C/IV**

When she hears that I am sleeping

**G/I**

**D/V**

**G/I**

Maybe then she'll think of me

Tomorrow was to be our wedding  
O Lord, O Lord where can she be  
She's gone, she's gone to find another  
She no longer cares for me.

She told me that she did not love me  
I couldn't believe it was true  
Until an angel softly whispered  
She no longer cares for you

Place on my grave a snow white lily  
To prove my love for her was true  
To show the world I died of grieving  
For her love I could not win.

**Don't This Road Look Rough And Rocky**

Pete Wernick DVD

**Key: G**

**I(G) IV(C) I(G)**  
Darling, I have come to tell you  
**V(D)**

Though it almost breaks my heart  
**I(G) IV(C) I(G)**  
That before the morning, darling  
**V(D) I(G)**  
We'll be many miles apart

**[CHORUS]**

**IV(C) I(G)**  
Don't this road look rough and rocky  
**V(D)**

Don't that sea look wide and deep  
**I(G) IV(C) I(G)**  
Don't my baby look the sweetest  
**V(D) I(G)**  
When she's in my arms asleep

Don't you hear the nightbirds calling  
Far across the deep blue sea ?  
While of others you are thinking  
Won't you sometimes thinking of me ?

**[CHORUS]**

One more kiss before I leave you  
One more kiss before we part  
You have caused me lots of trouble  
Darling, you have broke my heart





# Footprints in the snow

Pete Wernick DVD

**I(C)** **IV(F)**  
Some folks like the summertime When the they can walk about  
**V(G)** **I(C)**  
Strolling through the meadow green It's pleasant there, no doubt  
**I(C)** **IV(F)**  
But give me the wintertime When the snow is on the ground  
**V(G)** **I(C)**  
I found her when the snow on the ground

## [Chorus]

**I(C)** **V(G)**  
I traced her little footprints in the snow  
**I(C)**  
I found her little footprints in the snow  
**IV(F)**  
Bless that happy day when my darlin' lost her way  
**V(G)** **I(C)**  
I found her when the snow was on the ground

I went out to see her  
There was a big round moon  
Her mother said she just stepped out  
But would be trturning soon  
I found her little footprints and  
I traced them in the snow  
I found her when the snow was on the ground

## [Chorus]

Now she's up in heaven  
She's with the angel band  
I know I'm going to meet her  
In that promised land  
Everytime the snow falls  
It brings back memories  
I found her when the snow was on the ground

## [Chorus]

# Handsome Molly

Pete Wernick DVD

**I(G)**

Well I wish was in London

**V(D)**

Or some other seaport town

Set my foot in a steamboat

**I(G)**

Sail the Ocean Round

**[CHORUS]**

**I(G)**

Sailin' round the ocean

**V(D)**

Sailin' round the sea

I think of Handsome Molly

**I(G)**

Wherever she may be

Well I saw her at church last Sunday

She passed me on by

I knew her mind was changin'

By the rovin' of her eye

**[CHORUS]**

Now do you remember Molly

When you give me your right hand

Said if you ever married

That I would be the man

**[CHORUS]**

## Hot Corn, Cold Corn

Pete Wernick DVD

**I(G)**

Upstairs, downstairs, out in the kitchen

**V(D)**

Upstairs, downstairs, out in the kitchen

**I(G)**

Upstairs, downstairs, out in the kitchen

**V(D)**

I met an old cook just a reelin' and a pitchin'

Yes sir

**[Chorus]**

**Hot Corn, cold corn, bring along the demijohn**

**Hot Corn, cold corn, bring along the demijohn**

**Hot Corn, cold corn, bring along the demijohn**

**Fair thee well, uncle Bill, see you in the morning**

**Yes sir**

Old aunt Peggy, won't you fill'em up again

Old aunt Peggy, won't you fill'em up again

Old aunt Peggy, won't you fill'em up again

I ain't had a drink since the lord knows when

Yes sir

**[Chorus]**

All I need to keep me happy

Is two little boys to call me Pappy

One named Paul and one named Davy

One likes ham and the other loves gravy

Yes sir

**[Chorus]**

Preacher's in the pulpit takin' in the money

Children in the bee hive takin' in the honey

Old aunt Sally just a jumpin' for joy

Happiest lot of people that ever I saw

Yes sir

**[Chorus]**

Preacher's all a comin' and the children are a cryin'

Preacher's all a comin' and the children are a cryin'

Preacher's all a comin' and the children are a cryin'

Chicken heads a-wringin' and a toenails flyin'

Yes sir

**[Chorus]**

**[CHORUS]**

**IV(C) I(G) V(D) I(G) I7(G7)**  
Get down boys, go back home back to the girl you love  
**IV(C) I(G) V(D) I(G)**  
Treat her right never wrong How mountain gals can love.

--- Instrumental ---

**I(G)**  
I'm Ridin' the night in the high cold wind  
**V(D) I(G)**  
on the trail of the old lonesome pine  
**I(G)**  
Thinkin' of you,baby, feelin' so blue  
**V(D) I(G)**  
Wonderin' why I left you behind.

**[CHORUS]**

--- Instrumental ---

Remember the night we strolled down the lane  
Our hearts were gay and happy then  
You whispered to me as I held you close  
We hoped the night would never end.

**[CHORUS]**

--- Instrumental ---

Get down boys, go back home  
Back to the girl you love  
Treat her right never wrong  
How mountain gals can love...

## In the Pines

Pete Wernick DVD

Chorus:

**I(G)** **IV(C)** **I(G)**  
In the pines, in the pines, where the sun never shines  
**V(D)** **I(G)**  
And we shiver when the cold winds blow

**I(G)** **IV(C)** **I(G)**  
The longest train I ever saw  
**V(D)** **I(G)**  
Went down that Georgia line  
**I(G)** **IV(C)** **I(G)**  
The engine passed at six o' clock  
**V(D)** **I(G)**  
And the cab passed by at nine

[Chorus]  
[Break]

Little girl, little girl, what have I done  
That makes you treat me so  
You caused me to weep, you caused me to mourn  
You caused me to leave my home

[Chorus]  
[Break]

I asked my captain for the time of day  
He said he threw his watch away  
A long steel rail and a short cross tie  
I'm on my way back home

[Chorus]  
[Break]

I wish to the Lord I'd never been born, Or died when I was young  
I never would have kissed your sweet, sweet lips  
Or heard you rattling tongue

[Chorus]  
[Break]

Tell me where did you get them pretty little shoes  
And the dress you wear so fine  
I got my shoes from a railroad man  
Got my dress from a driver in the mine

**I(G)**

Lost all my money but a two dollar bill

**IV(C) I(G)**

Two dollar bill boys, two dollar bill

**I(G)**

Lost all my money but a two dollar bill

**V(D) I(G)**

I'm on my long journey home

Cloudy in the West and it looks like rain

Looks like rain, boys, looks like rain

Cloudy in the West and it looks like rain

I'm on my long journey home

It's dark and a raining and I want to go home

Want to go home, boys, want to go home

Its dark and a raining and I want to go home

I'm on my long journey home

Homesick and lonesome and I'm feeling kind of blue

Feeling kind of blue, boys, feeling kind of blue

Homesick and lonesome and I'm feeling kind of blue

I'm on my long journey home

There's black smoke a rising and it surely is a train

Surely is a train boys, surely is a train

There's black smoke a rising and it surely is a train

I'm on my long journey home

## Me and Bobby McGee

**C**  
Busted flat in Baton Rouge, headin' for the train

**G7**  
Feelin' nearly faded as my jeans

Bobby thumbed a diesel down, just before it rained

**C**  
Took us all the way to New Orleans

**C**  
I took my harpoon out of my dirty red bandanna

**C7** **F**  
And was blowing sad while Bobby sang the blues

With those windshield wipers slappin' time

**C**  
And Bobby clappin' hands

**G7** **C**  
We finally sang up every song that driver knew

### [Chorus]

**F** **C**  
Freedom's just another word for nothin' left to lose

**G7** **C**  
Nothin' ain't worth nothin' but it's free

**F** **C**  
Feeling good was easy Lord when Bobby sang the blues

**G7**  
Feeling good was good enough for me

**C**  
Good enough for me and Bobby McGee

From the coal mines of Kentucky to the California sun  
Bobby shared the secrets of my soul  
Standin' right beside me Lord  
Through everything I've done  
And every night she kept me from the cold

Then somewhere near Salinas Lord I let her slip away  
Lookin' for the home I hope she'll find  
And I'd trade all of my tomorrows  
For a single yesterday  
Holdin' Bobby's body next to mine

2nd Chorus:

Freedom's just another word for nothin' left to lose  
Nothin' left is all she left for me  
Feeling good was easy Lord when Bobby sang the blues  
And buddy that was good enough for me  
Good enough for me and Bobby McGee



Chorus

**I(G)**

I'm riding on that New River Train

**V(D)**

I'm riding on that New River Train

**I(G)**

**IV(C)**

That same old train that brought me here

**V(D)**

**I(G)**

Is gonna carry me away again

**I(G)**

Darling you can't love one

**V(D)**

Darling you can't love one

**I(G)**

**IV(C)**

You can't love one and have any fun

**V(D)**

**I(G)**

Oh darling you can't love one

(Chorus)

Darling you can't love two

Darling you can't love two

You can't love two and your little heart be true

Oh darling you can't love two

(Chorus)

Darling you can't love three

Darling you can't love three

You can't love three and still love me

Oh darling you can't love three

(Chorus)

Darling you can't love four

Darling you can't love four

You can't love four and love me anymore

Oh darling you can't love four

# Old Home Place

Pete Wernick DVD

Key: G

**G/I B7/iii C/IV G/I**  
It's been ten long years since I left my home

**D/V**  
In the hollow where I was born.

**G/I B7/iii C/IV G/I**  
Where the cool fall nights make the wood smoke rise,

**D/V G/I**  
And a fox hunter blows his horn.

**G/I B7/iii C/IV G/I**  
I fell in love with a girl from the town

**D/V**  
I thought that she would be true.

**G/I B7/iii C/IV G/I**  
I ran away to Charlottesville

**D/V G/I**  
and worked in a saw mill Crew.

## [Chorus]

**D/V G/I**  
What have they done to the old home place,

**A/ii D/V**  
why did they tear it down?

**G/I B7/iii C/IV G/I**  
And why did I leave the plow in the field,

**D/V G/I**  
and look for a job in the town.

Well, the girl ran off with somebody else  
the taverns took all my pay.  
And here I stand where the old home stood  
before they took it away.

Now the geese fly south and the cold wind moans  
as I stand here and hang my head.  
I've lost my love, I've lost my home  
and now I wish that I was dead.

# Red River Valley

**I/G**    **V/D7**                      **I/G**  
From this valley they say you are leaving

We shall miss your bright eyes and sweet smile **V/D7**

**I/G**                      **I/G7**                      **IV/C**  
For you take with you all of the sunshine

**V/D7**    **I/G**  
That has brighten our pathway a while

## [Chorus]

**Come and sit by my side if you love me**  
**Do not hasten to bid me adieu**  
**Just remember the Red River Valley**  
**And the cowboy that loved you so true**

For a long time my darling I've waited  
For the sweet words you never would say  
Now at last all my fond hopes have vanished  
For they say that you're going away

## [Chorus]

Do you think of the valley you're leaving  
O how lonely and how dreary it will be  
And do you think of the kind hearts you're breaking  
And the pain you are causing to me

## [Chorus]

They will bury me where you have wandered  
Near the hills where the daffodils grow  
When you're gone from the Red River Valley  
For I can't live without you I know

## [Chorus]

# Sitting On Top Of The World

Pete Wernick DVD

**I/G**  
Twas in the spring, one sunny day  
**I/C** **I/G**  
My good gal left me, Lord she went away

**Chorus:**

**I/G** **vi/Em**  
**But now she's gone, and I don't worry**  
**I/G** **V/D** **I/G**  
**'Cause I'm sittin' on top of the world**

She called me up, from El Paso  
Sayin', come back Daddy, I need you so

[Chorus]

Don't like my peaches, don't shake my tree  
Stay outta my orchard, let my peaches be

[Chorus]

Mississippi River, long, deep and wide  
The woman I'm loving is on the other side

[Chorus]

Was in the summer, One early fall,  
Just tryin' to find my Little Gal and all

Now don't come runnin' Holdin' up your hand.  
Can get me a woman Quick as you can get a man.

Happen for days, Didn't know your name.  
Oh, why should I worry Or crave you in vain?.

Went to the station, Down in the yard,  
Gonna get me a freight train, Work's done got hard.

The lonesome days, They have gone by,  
Why should I beg you? You said good-bye.

# Take Me Back To Tulsa

Pete Wernick DVD

**I(G)**

Where's that girl with the red dress on?

**V(D7)**

Some folks calls her Dinah;

**V(D7)**

Stole my heart away from me,

**I(G)**

way down in Louisiana.

**I(G)**

Take Me back to Tulsa,

**V(D7)**

I'm too young to marry;

**V(D7)**

Take me back to Tulsa,

**I(G)**

I'm too young to marry.

We always wear a great big smile,  
we never do look sour.

Travel all over the country,  
playing music by the hour .

Oh, walk and talk suzy,  
Walk and talk suzy.  
Walk and talk suzy,  
Walk and talk suzy.

Little bee sucks the blossom,  
Big bee gets the honey,  
Dark man picks the cotton,  
White man gets the money.

I went to the Railroad,  
Laid my head down on the track.  
I thought about that girl of mine  
And I gradually eased it back.

## Worried man blues

Pete Wernick DVD

I(G)

I went across the river, and I lay down to sleep,

IV(C)

I(G)

I went across the river, and I lay down to sleep,

I went across the river, and I lay down to sleep,

V(D)

I(G)

When I woke up there were shackles on my feet.

Chorus:

It takes a worried man to sing a worried song,

It takes a worried man to sing a worried song,

It takes a worried man to sing a worried song,

I'm worried now, but I won't be worried long.

Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg,

Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg,

Twenty-nine links of chain around my leg,

And on each link is initial of my name.

I asked the judge what might be my fine,

I asked the judge what might be my fine,

I asked the judge what might be my fine,

"Twenty-one years on the Rocky Mountain line."

The train arrived, sixteen coaches long,

The train arrived, sixteen coaches long,

The train arrived, sixteen coaches long,

The girl I love is on that train and gone.

If any one asks you who composed this song,

If any one asks you who composed this song,

If any one asks you who composed this song,

Tell him it was I and I sing it all day long.