

AUCKLAND BLUEGRASS CLUB JAM BOOK

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About this book

- Because this book is about jamming it offers just the basic verse/chorus/bridge chords and lyrics. It does not usually include intros, outros and instrumental breaks because in a jam intros are usually a bit messy, and breaks are spontaneous - usually called by whomever is leading the song
- The key listed is the usually key of the source listed in the footnote so you can play along
- The name given is either the composer or the artist who made it famous
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Terminology

Capo chords	The actual name of the chord is given, for example a G shape on Capo 3 is shown as Bb, the correct name. This is so other instruments like fiddles can use this book.
Chords in brackets:	Optional – some people play them some don't.
Chorus	Only the first chorus is shown.
Ritard	Slow down – usually to end.
Key	The key is first chord unless otherwise stated
(S.T.)	Stop time, usually play a single chord on beat 1.
Time signature	4/4 unless otherwise stated

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Blue Night

Kirk McGee

Mitch Harrell www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCRb7xnEsUg

(Guitar capo 4 G shapes)

- B**
Verse 1: Blue night I got you on my mind
- B** **E**
Blue night I can't keep from crying
- B** **E**
You found someone that was new
- B**
You quit someone that you knew was true
- F#7** **B**
Blue night I got you on my mind
- Verse 2: Blue night blue as I can be
I don't know what'll become of me
Where we used to walk I walk alone
With an aching heart because my love is gone
Blue night blue as I can be
- Verse 3: Blue night I'm all alone
I used to call you on the telephone
I used to call and it made you glad
Now I call and it makes you mad
Blue night I'm all alone
- Verse 4: Blue night all by myself
Since you put me on that shelf
There's just one thing that you must know
You're gonna reap just what you sow
Blue night, all by myself
- Outro: Blue night, all by myself

Bury Me Beneath the Willow

Carter Family

www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCniFuHIPG0

Verse 1: My heart is sad, And I'm in sorrow

For the only one I love

When shall I see him? Oh, no never

Till I meet him in heaven above

Chorus: Oh Bury me under the weeping willow, yes

Under the weeping willow tree

So he may know Where I am sleeping

And perhaps he will weep for me

Verse 2: Well, he told me that He did not love me
I could not believe it was true
Until an angel softly whispered,
He is proving untrue to you

Verse 3: Tomorrow was Our wedding day
But oh, lord oh where is he?
He's off a seeking another bride
And he cares no more for me

Verse 4: Oh, bury me under the violets blue
To prove my love to him
Tell him that I would die to save him
For his love I never could win

Dark Hollow

Bill Browning

Larry Sparks www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4fK7fbQn9w

Chorus: C G C
So blow your whistle freight train
 C F C
Take me far on down the track
 C7 F
I'm going away I'm leaving today
 C G C
I'm going, but I ain't coming back

Verse 1: C G C
I'd rather be in some dark hollow
 F C
Where the sun don't ever shine
 C7 F
Than to be home alone and knowing that you're gone
 C G C
Would cause me to lose my mind

Verse 2: I'd rather be in some dark hollow
Where the sun don't ever shine
Than to be in this big city
In a small room with your love on my mind

Deep River Blues

Doc Watson

Jason Isabell Tommy Emmanuel www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VAbrnjdtYw
(The distinctive E7 Edim change is played on guitar in 5th position top 4 strings see video).

E7 Edim
Chorus: Let it rain, let it pour
E7 A
Let it rain a whole lot more
E B7
'Cause I got them deep river blues
E7 Edim
Let the rain drive right on
E7 A
Let the waves sweep along
E B7 E
'Cause I got them deep river blues

(Same chords as chorus)

Verse 1: My old gal's a good old pal
And she looks like a water fowl
When I get them deep river blues
Ain't no one to cry for me
And the fish all go out on a spree
When I get them deep river blues

Verse 2: Give me back my old boat
I'm gonna sail if she'll float
'Cause I got them deep river blues
I'm goin' back to Muscle Shoals
Times are better there I'm told
Cause I got them deep river blues

Don't Let Your Deal Go Down

Flat and Scruggs

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ua51JVOqrPM

Video is in Gb which appears to be the usual key for Flatt and Scruggs. This is one semitone lower than chords listed.

The 'oh honeys' before the chorus are often skipped by other players

(G) E7 A7

Verse 1: Well, I've been all around this whole wide world

D7 G

Been down to sunny Alabam

E7 A7

My mama always told me, Son

D7 G G (S.T.)

Never let your deal go down Oh honey

Chorus: E7 A7

Don't let your deal go down

D7 G G (S.T.)

Don't let your deal go down Oh Honey

E7 A7

Don't let your deal go down

D7 G

Till your last gold dollar is gone

Verse 2: Well, the last time I seen that gal of mine

She was standing in the door

She said honey I'll be a long time gone

You'll never see your gal no more

Verse 3: Well, I'm going sown the railroad track

Gonna take my rocking chair

If there doggone blues don't leave my mind

I'm gonna run away from here

Don't This Road Look Rough and Rocky

Flatt and Scruggs

www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAXyuTic9sQ

Verse 1: Darling I have come to tell you ,
 D
 Though it almost breaks my heart
 G C G
 But before the morning darling
 D G
 We'll be many miles apart

Chorus: Don't this road look rough and rocky
 G
 D
 Don't that sea look wide and deep
 G C G
 Don't my baby look the sweetest
 D G
 When she's in my arms asleep

Verse 2: Can't you hear the night birds crying
 Far across the deep blue sea
 While those others you are thinking
 Don't you sometimes think of me

Verse 3: 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

Drinking Dark Whiskey

Michael James Henderson / Chris Stapleton

The Steeldrivers www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_m5yrE-uMM

(Capo 2 G shapes)

Chorus: A
Drinking Dark Whiskey, Telling white lies
 E7
One leads to another, on a Saturday Night
 D A
Don't you cross your heart and hope to die
 A E7 A
Drinking Dark Whiskey, Telling white lies

Verse 1: A
The first drop burns but the second one goes down smooth
 D
Then that old black label gets a hold of you
 E7 A (S.T.)
It'll loosen your tongue but it don't ever tell the truth.

Verse 2: When the bottles talk be careful what he might say
It's off in the dark he never would in the day
Then he gets in trouble just as soon as he gets his way

Verse 3: Little white lie don't mean any one no good.
Well it's making the rounds all over the neighbourhood
Next thing you know we're all misunderstood

Good Old Mountain Dew

Bascom Lamar Lunsford/Scotty Wiseman

Stanley Brothers www.youtube.com/watch?v=ug8p5pVsj9U

(Capo 3 G shapes)

Bb

Verse 1: Down the road here from me there's an old holler tree

Eb Bb

Where you lay down a dollar or two

Bb

Go on round the bend come back again

Bb F7 Bb

There's a jug full of that good ole mountain dew

Bb

Chorus: Oh they call it that good ole mountain dew

Eb Bb

And them that refuse it are few

Bb

I'll hush up my mug if you'll fill up my jug

Bb F Bb

With that good ole mountain dew

Verse 2: Now Mr. Roosevelt told 'em just how he felt
When he heard that the dry law 'd gone through
If your liquors too red it'll swell up your head
You better stick to that good ole mountain dew

Verse 3: The preacher rode by with his head hasted high
Said his wife had been down with the flu
He thought that I ought to sell him
A quart of my good ole mountain dew

Verse 4: Well my uncle Snort he's sawed off
and short he measures four feet two
But he feels like a giant when you give him a pint
of that good old mountain dew

Hard Times Come Again No More

Stephen Foster

Mavis Staples www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZsO348BOW0

Verse 1: FBb
Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears,
FC7F
While we All sup sorrow with the poor
FBbF
There's a song that will linger forever in our ears
FC7F
Oh hard times come again no more.

Chorus: FBbF
Tis the song, the sigh of the weary,
FG7C7
Hard times, hard times, come again no more.
FBbF
Many days you have lingered around my cabin door
FC7F
Oh Hard times come again no more.

Verse 2: While we seek mirth and beauty and music light and gay.
There are frail forms fainting at the door
Though their voices are silent, their pleading looks will say,
Oh, hard times, come again no more.

Verse 3: There's a pale drooping maiden who foils her life away
With a worn out heart, whose better days are o'er.
Though her voice it would be merry, 'tis sighing all the day,
Oh, hard times, come again no more.

Hickory Wind

Gram Parsons

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJKRA1ZleiM

- Verse 1: G D C G
In South Carolina There are many tall pines
 G D C D
I remember the oak tree That we used to climb
 D C D G
But it makes me feel better Each time it begins
G C D G
Calling me home Hickory Wind
- Verse 2: I started out younger At most everything
All the riches and pleasures What else could life bring
But now when I'm lonesome I always pretend
That I'm getting the feel of Hickory Wind
- Verse 3: It's a hard way to find out That trouble is real
In a faraway city With a faraway feel
But it makes me feel better Each time it begins
Calling me home Hickory Wind
- Verse 4: So don't think about me when I'm gone
I don't mind traveling alone
You are the sweetest little thing that I ever found
But won't nothing bring you down like your hometown

High on a Mountain Top

Alex Campbell / Ola Belle Reed

Del McCoury www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw82yX4b_vE

G

Verse 1: As I looked at the valleys down below

G

They were green just as far as I could see

G

F

G

C

As my memory returned oh how my heart did yearn

G

D

G

For you and the day that used to be

G

F

G

C

Chorus: High on a mountain top wind blowing free

G

D

G

Wondering about the days that used to be

G

F

G

C

High on a mountain top standing all alone

G

D

G

Wondering where the years of my life have flown

Verse 2: Oh I wonder if you ever think of me

Or if time has blotted out your memory

As I listen to the breeze blow gently through the trees

I'll always cherish what you meant to me

Hold Whatcha Got

Jimmy Martin

www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzKXZyFFgCw

(Guitar Capo 1 E shapes)

F

Chorus: Hold whatcha got, I'm a-coming home baby

Bb

Hold whatcha got, and I don't mean maybe

F

C7

Been a-thinking about you and I'm on my way

F

Don't sell the house, and don't wreck the car

Bb

Stay there, honey, right where you are

F

C7

F

Hold whatcha got, I'm a coming home to stay

Verse 1: Well... in my mind I can see

That's a pretty good sign that I need you

That's why I can't wait to get back home

So squeeze yourself real good and tight

I'll be there before daylight

If you hold whatcha got, I'm a coming home to stay

Verse 2: Well... when I get back, honey, I ain't leaving

I been too long, a little too much grieving

When I get back this time I'm going to stay

Well we won't fuss and we won't fight

This time things is gonna be all right

If you hold whatcha got, I'm a-coming home to stay

House of Gold

Hank Williams

www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwM0RYrRvRg

- D G D
- Verse 1: People steal, they cheat and lie
- D D7
- For wealth and what it will buy
- G D
- Don't they know on the judgment day
- A7 D
- That their gold and silver will melt away
- Verse 2: I'd rather be in a deep, dark grave
 And know that my poor soul was saved
 Than to live in this world in a house of gold
 And deny my God and doom my soul
- Verse 3: Jesus said ,come on to me
 I'll break sin's chains and set you free
 I'll carry you to a home on high
 Where you'll never, never die
- Verse 4: What good is gold and silver, too
 When your heart's not good and true
 Sinner hear me when I say
 Fall down on your knees and pray
- Verse 5: Jesus died there on the cross
 So this world would not be lost
 Sinner hear now what I say
 For someday you'll have to pay
- Verse 6: What good is gold and silver too
 If your heart's not good and true
 Sinner, hear me when I say
 Fall down on your knees and pray

I Am a Pilgrim

Merle Travis www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqVtQzRwYTw

Key of G

- Verse 1: I am a pilgrim and a stranger
Traveling through this wearisome land
And I've got a home in that yonder city, good Lord
And it's not (good Lordy it's not) not made by hand
- Verse 2: I got a mother, a sister and a brother
Who have gone to that sweet home
And I am determined to go and see them, good Lord
Over on (good Lordy over on) that distant shore
- Verse 3: As I go down to that river Jordan
Just to bathe my weary soul
If I could touch but just the hem of His garment, good Lord
I believe (good Lordy I believe) that it would make me whole
- Verse 4: Now when I'm dead, laying in my coffin
All of my friends all gather round
They can say that he's just laying there sleeping, good Lord
Sweet peace (Lordy sweet peace) his soul is found

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

O Brother Where Art Thou www.youtube.com/watch?v=uz-0C2dhKlg

D

Verse 1: Some bright morning when this life is over

G D

I'll fly away

D

To that home on God's celestial shore

D A7 D

I'll fly away

D

Chorus: I'll fly away, oh glory

G D

I'll fly away in the morning

D

When I die, Hallelujah by and by

D A7 D

I'll fly away

Verse 2: When the shadows of this life have gone

I'll fly away

Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly

I'll fly away

Verse 3: Oh, how glad and happy when we meet

I'll fly away

No more cold iron shackles on my feet

I'll fly away

Verse 4: Just a few more weary days and then

I'll fly away

To a Land where joys will never end

I'll fly away

In the Pines

Unknown

Bill Monroe www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1_pfC-q7T0

$\frac{3}{4}$ time E

- Verse 1: E E7 A E
 The longest train I ever saw
 E B7 E
 Went down that Georgia line
 E E7 A E
 The engine passed at six o'clock
 E B7 E
 And the caboose rolled by at nine
- Chorus: E E7 A E
 In the pines, in the pines where the sun never shines
 E B7 E
 And we shiver when the cold wind blows
 E E7 A E
 Woo ooo... ooo... ooo...
 E B7 E
 Woo oo... woo...
- Verse 2: Well I asked my captain for the time of day
 Said he threwed his watch away
 A long steel rail and a short cross tie
 I'm on my way back home
- Verse 3: Little girl little girl, what have I done
 That makes you treat me so
 You caused me to weep you caused me to roam
 You caused me to leave my home

I Wonder Where You Are Tonight

Hank Snow

Jim & Jesse www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJ6Lzs_woUE

- G** **C**
Verse 1: Tonight I'm sad my heart is weary
D **G**
Wondering if I'm wrong or right
G **C**
To think about you though you left me
D **G**
I wonder where you are tonight
- Verse 2: The rain is cold and slowly falling
Upon my window pane tonight
And though your love seems even colder
I wonder where you are tonight
- Verse 3: Your heart was cold you never loved me
Though you often said you cared
And now you've gone to find another
Someone who knows the love I shared
- Verse 4: Then came the dawn the day you left me
I tried to smile with all my might
But you could see the pain within me
That lingers in my heart tonight

Jesse James

Trad

Country Gentlemen www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPCM0L_kj68

(Guitar capo 4 G shapes, or 2 A shapes)

Verse 1: B Jesse James was a lad who robbed many a man E

B He stopped the Glendale train;

B He took from the rich and he gave to the poor E

F# He'd a heart and a hand and a brain. G

Chorus: E Jesse had a wife to mourn for his life, B

F# Three children, they were brave.

B 'Twas that dirty little coward that shot Mr Howard E

F# And laid poor Jesse in his grave.

Verse 2: It was on a Wednesday night, the moon was shining bright
That they stopped the Glendale train.
The people they did say, for many miles away
It was robbed by Frank and Jesse James

Verse 3: It was Robert Ford, that dirty little coward,
I wonder how he feels
For he ate of Jesse's bread and he slept in Jesse's bed
Then he laid poor Jesse in his grave.

Verse 4: It was on a Saturday night, while Jesse was at home
Talking to his family brave,
Robert Ford came along like a thief in the night
And he laid poor Jesse in his grave.

Jimmy Brown the Newsboy

Will S. Hays (copyrighted by A.P. Carter)

Flatt and Scruggs www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE73TjcXIXM

- G** **D**
Verse 1: I sell the morning paper, Sir, my name is Jimmy Brown
D **G**
Everybody knows that I'm the newsboy of the town
G **D**
You can hear me yelling "Morning Star", as I run along the street
D **G**
I've got no hat upon my head, no shoes upon my feet
- Verse 2: Never mind, Sir, how I look, don't look at me and frown
I sell the morning paper, Sir, my name is Jimmy Brown
I'm awful cold and hungry, Sir, my clothes are mighty thin
I wander 'bout from place to place, my daily bread to win
- Verse 3: My father was a drunkard, Sir, I've heard my mother say
And I am helping my Mother, Sir, as I journey on my way
My mother always tells me, Sir, I've nothing in the world to lose
I'll get a place in Heaven, Sir, selling the "Gospel News"

Repeat Verse 1

Long Journey Home

Stanley Brothers

www.youtube.com/watch?v=D60wuh_mXSA

A

Chorus: Lost all my money but a two dollar bill

D A

Two dollar bill boys, two dollar bill

A

Lost all my money but a two dollar bill

A E A

I'm on my long journey home

(same chords)

Verse 1: 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

Verse 2: Cloudy in the East and it looks like rain
Looks like rain, boys, looks like rain
Cloudy in the East and it looks like rain
I'm on my long journey home

Verse 3: It's dark and a raining and I want to go home
Want to go home, boys, want to go home
It's dark and a raining and I want to go home
I'm on my long journey home

Verse 4: 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

Lost Highway

Leon Payne

Hank Williams www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICgicPdsxxg

Verse 1: I'm a rolling stone, all alone and lost
D G D
For a life of sin, I have paid the cost
D A7
When I pass by, all the people say
G7 D
There goes another boy down the lost highway
D A7 D

Verse 2: Just a deck of cards and a jug of wine
And a woman's lies make a life like mine
Oh, the day we met, I went astray
I started rolling down that lost highway

Verse 3: I was just a lad, nearly twenty-two
Neither good nor bad, just a kid like you
And now I'm lost, too late to pray
Lord, I've paid the cost on the lost highway

Verse 3: Now, boys, don't start your rambling round
On this road of sin or you're sorrow bound
Take my advice or you'll curse the day
You started rolling down that lost highway

Man of Constant Sorrow

Stanley Brothers

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdnZnjGBGXw

- Verse 1: I am a man of constant sorrow
I've seen trouble all my days
I bid farewell to old Kentucky
The place where I, was born and raised
- Verse 2: For six long years, I've been in trouble
No pleasure here on earth I've found
For in this world I'm bound to ramble
I have no friends to help me now
- Verse 3: It's fair you well my own true lover
I never expect to see you again
For I'm bound to ride that Northern Railroad
Perhaps I'll die upon this train
- Verse 4: You can bury me in some deep valley
For many years where I may lay
Then you may learn to love another
While I am sleeping in my grave
- Verse 5: Maybe your friends think I'm just a stranger
My face you'll never see no more
But there is one promise that is given
Ritard
I'll meet you on God's golden shore

Mr Engineer

Jimmy Rodgers

Tony Rice www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZNbfGc_bTc

$\frac{3}{4}$ time G

(G) C D G
Chorus: Engineer reach up and pull the whistle
C D G
Let me hear that lonesome sound
C D G
For it blends with the feeling that's in me
C D G
The one I loved has turned me down

(same chords as chorus)

Verse 1: I'm gonna catch me a freight train
Lord I'm leaving this lonesome town
The one I loved and gave my heart to
For someone else she turned me down

Verse 2: There's sixteen cars behind each engine
I'll ride the last one till the end of the line
I don't know where I'll go or where I'll wind up
Just anything to ease my worried mind

Nine Pound Hammer

Merle Travis

www.youtube.com/watch?v=btVAuFMpNr4

Verse 1: This nine pound hammer, it's a little too heavy

G D G

For my size, baby, for my size

G C

I'm going on the mountain, gonna see my baby

G D G

But I ain't coming back, well, I ain't coming back

Chorus: Roll on buddy, don't you roll so slow

G D G

Tell me, how can I roll, when the wheels won't go?

G C

Roll on buddy, pull a load of coal

G D G

Now, how can I pull, when wheels won't roll?

Verse 2: It's a long way to Harlan, it's a long way to Hazard
 Just to get a little brew, just to get a little brew
 Well, when I'm long gone you can make my tombstone
 Out of number nine coal, out of number nine coal

Tear My Still House Down

Gillian Welch

www.youtube.com/watch?v=09LeKHsdg2s

Verse 1: Put no stone at my head, no flowers on my tomb
D G
No gold plated sign in a marble pillared room
D A7
The one thing I want when they lay me in the ground
D A7 G
When I die tear my still house down

Verse 2: When I was a child way back in the hills
I laughed at the men who tended those stills
But that old mountain shine, it caught me somehow
When I die, tear my still house down

Chorus: Oh tear my still house down, let it go to rust
G
D
Don't leave no trace of the hiding place Where I made that evil
stuff
G
For all my time and money no profit did I see
D A7 D
That old copper kettle was the death of me

Verse: Oh, tell all your children that Hell ain't no dream
'Cause Satan lives in my whiskey machine
And in my time of dying I know where I'm bound
When I die, tear my still house down

Those Memories

Alan O'Bryant

Bill Monroe www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tFL0X5LpYk

Chorus:

 B A B
Chorus: Those memories of you still haunt me
 B F#7
Every night when I lay down
 E B
I'll always love you little darling
 E F#7 B
Until the day they lay me down

 B A B
Verse 1: In dreams of you my body trembles
 B F#7
I wake up and call your name
 E B
But you're not there and I'm so lonesome
 E F#7 B
Without your love I'd go insane

Verse 2: I close my eyes and you're there with me
Your kiss I feel, your face I see
It's not your lips now that drive me crazy
It's just your haunting memory

Wagon Wheel

Bob Dylan

Old Crow Medicine Show www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gX1EP6mG-E

A E
Verse 1: Heading down south to the land of the pines
F#m D
I'm thumbing my way into North Caroline
A E D
Staring up the road and pray to God I see headlights
A E
I made it down the coast in seventeen hours
F#m D
Picking me a bouquet of dogwood flowers
A E D
And I'm a-hopin' for Raleigh, I can see my baby tonight

(Same chords as verse)

Chorus: So rock me momma like a wagon wheel
Rock me momma any way you feel
Hey, momma rock me
Rock me momma like the wind and the rain
Rock me momma like a south bound train
Hey, momma rock me

Verse 2: I'm running from the cold up in New England
I was born to be a fiddler in an old time string band
My baby plays a guitar, I pick a banjo now
Oh, north country winters keep a-getting me down
Lost my money playing poker so I had to leave town
But I ain't turning back to living that old life no more

Verse 3: Walkin' to the south out of Roanoke
Caught a trucker out of Philly had a nice long toke
But he's a heading west from the Cumberland gap
To Johnson City, Tennessee
And I gotta get a move on before the sun
I hear my baby calling my name and I know that she's the only one
And if I die in Raleigh at least I will die free

Will You Miss Me

Carter Family

Ralph Stanley www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHfxYegsWSA

Key of B (Guitar Capo 4 G shapes)

Chorus is call and answer style

B

Chorus: Will you miss me? (Miss me when I'm gone)

E

Will you miss me? (Miss me when I'm gone)

B

Will you miss me? (Miss me when I'm gone)

F#

B

Will you miss me when I'm gone?

B

Verse 1: When these lips shall never more

E

B

Press a kiss upon thy brow

B

But lie cold and still in death

F#

B

Will you love me then as now?

Verse 2: When death shall close these eye lids

And this heart shall cease to beat

And they lay me down to rest

In some flowery bound retreat

Verse 3: Perhaps you'll plant a flower

On my poor unworthy grave

Come and sit along beside me

When the roses nod and wave