

# The Possum's Tail Is Bare

Arr. Melvin Wine

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains measures 1 through 8, with chord changes D, G, D, A, D, G, A, and D. The second staff contains measures 9 through 13, with chord changes D, C, G, D, D, G, A, and D. Measure 13 includes a triplet of eighth notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

There are a zillion verses to this tune. The ones Melvin sang at Fiddle Tunes 2000 were:

Verse 1 (main verse):

Squirrel's got a bushy tail, Rabbit's got the hair,  
The ol' coon's tail has rings all around but the possum's tail is bare.

Chorus:

Oh the possum's tail is bare, oh the possum's tail is bare,  
The ol' coon's tail has rings all around but the possum's tail is bare.

Verse 2:

Take an old possum by the tail, then we'll skin him on a rail,  
Never ever more will he be seen, grinnin' at the moon.

Chorus:

Grinnin' at the moon, grinnin' at the moon,  
Never ever more will he be seen, grinnin' at the moon.