

# Clawhammer Banjo - Key of G -- Level 1

Key of G (Capo to Suit)

1 **G** Verse **D<sub>7</sub>** **G**

Play Twice

I'd Rather be in Rich - nond in all the hail and rain  
 Than to be in Geor - gia wearing the ball and chain  
 5\* 7\*

Verse 1

I - slide Won't get drunk no more I - slide Won't get drunk no more  
 9\* **D<sub>7</sub>**

Chorus

I - slide Won't get drunk no more way down the old plank road

## Verse 2

I went down to Mobile for to get on the gravel train.  
 Very next thing they heard of me, had on a ball and chain.

Chorus

## Verse 3

Doney, oh dear Doney, what makes you treat me so?  
 Caused me to wear the ball and chain and now my ankles sore.

Chorus

## Verse 4

Knoxville is a pretty place, Memphis is a beauty,  
 If you want to see them pretty girls, now hop to Chattanooga.

Chorus

## Verse 5

I'm going to build me a scaffold on the mountain high,  
 So I can see those pretty gals as they go riding by.

Chorus

## Verse 6

My wife died a Friday night, Saturday she was buried,  
 Sunday was my courting day, and Monday I got married.

Chorus

\* Alternate for measures 5, 7 & 9

I - slide

Note: frailing may be substituted for most single notes throughout

# WAY DOWN THE OLD PLANK ROAD

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1 **G** Intro and Interlude **D<sub>7</sub>** **G**

D 0 0 0 0 0 0  
B 0 0 0 0 0 1  
G 0 0 0 0 3-2 2 0 0  
D 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 0  
G p-o 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0  
3-2 2 0 0 0 0 2 2 4 0 0 0 0 0  
0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
p-o 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Play Twice

\*\* Substitute for 2 - 4 slide in Measure 5 & 9

[Grandpa Jones YouTube](#)

[Way Down the Old Plank Road \(mp3\)](#)

Capo 2 or tune to A to play along with Grandpa Jones