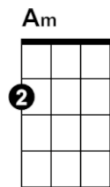


Sweet Betsy from Pike Traditional

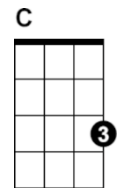
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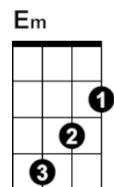
Did [C] you ever [G7] hear of sweet [C] Betsy from Pike
Who [C] crossed the wide [Am] prairies with [G7] her husband Ike
With [C] two yoke of [Em] oxen a [F] big yellow [C] dog
And a [C] tall Shanghai [G7] rooster and [C] one spotted hog
Singing [C] too ra li [G7] oo ra li [C] oo ra li ay



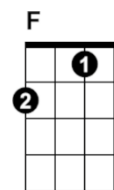
One [C] evening quite [G7] early they [C] camped on the Platte
Up [C] close to the [Am] road on a [G7] green grassy flat,
Poor [C] Betsy, sore [Em] footed, lay [F] down for re-[C]pose
And Ike sat and [G7] gazed at his [C] Pike County rose,
Singing [C] too ra li [G7] oo ra li [C] oo ra li ay



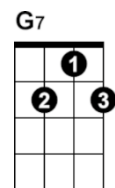
The [C] alkali [G7] desert was [C] burning and bare,
And Ike cried in [Am] fear, "We are [G7] lost, I declare!
My [C] dear old Pike [Em] County, I'll [F] come back to [C] you!"
Vowed Betsy, "You'll [G7] go by your-[C]self if you do."
Singing [C] too ra li [G7] oo ra li [C] oo ra li ay



Their [C] wagon broke [G7] down with a [C] terrible smash
And over the [Am] prairie rolled [G7] all kinds of trash,
Poor [C] Ike got dis-[Em]couraged and [F] Betsy got [C] mad,
The dog drooped his [G7] tail and looked [C] terribly sad,
Singing [C] too ra li [G7] oo ra li [C] oo ra li ay



'Twas [C] out on the [G7] desert that [C] Betsy gave out,
And down in the [Am] sand she lay [G7] rolling about,
Poor [C] Ike half dis-[Em]tracted, looked [F] down in sur-[C]prise,
Saying "Betsy, get up [G7] you'll get [C] sand in your eyes!"
Singing [C] too ra li [G7] oo ra li [C] oo ra li ay



Then [C] Betsy got [G7] up and gazed [C] out on the plain,
And said she'd go [Am] back to Pike [G7] County again,
But [C] Ike heaved a [Em] sigh, and they [F] fondly em-[C]braced,
And they headed on [G7] west with his [C] arm 'round her waist,
Singing [C] too ra li [G7] oo ra li [C] oo ra li ay

They [C] swam the wide [G7] rivers and [C] crossed the high peaks,
They camped on the [Am] prairie for [G7] weeks upon weeks,
They [C] fought with the [Em] indians with [F] musket and [C] ball,
And they reached Cali-[G7]fornia in [C] spite of it all *slow down*
Singing [C] too ra li [G7] oo ra li [C] oo ra li [C] ay