

# Old Dan Tucker

Words & Music:  
Daniel Decatur Emmett (1843)

*This song is perfect for making up your own verses and, as a result, you can find many, many verses on the 'net. It was a popular Gold Rush song and is still great for folk dancing.*

D A7  
Old Dan Tucker was a mighty man; he washed his face in a frying pan.  
D A7 D  
He combed his hair with a wagon wheel and he died of a toothache in his heel.

CHORUS:

D G A7 D  
Get out the way for Old Dan Tucker! He's too late to get his supper.  
Supper's over and breakfast's cookin'! Old Dan Tucker just stands there a-lookin'.

Old Dan Tucker went to town, ridin' a mule and leadin' a hound.  
The hound, he barked and the mule, he jumped and he threw Old Dan out over a stump.

CHORUS:

I came to town the other night, I heard the noise and saw the fight.  
The watchman was a'runnin' around; cryin', "Old Dan Tucker's come to town!"

CHORUS:

Now, Old Dan, he went down to the mill to get some meal to put in the swill.  
The miller swore by the point of his knife, he'd never seen such a man in his life.

CHORUS:

Now, Old Dan Tucker, he's a nice old man. He used to ride our darby ram.  
He sent him whizzing down the hill. If he hadn't got up, he'd be lying there still.

CHORUS:

Old Dan begun in early life to play the banjo and the fife.  
He'd play the children all to sleep and then into his bunk he'd creep.

CHORUS: