

Arkansas Traveler

Traditional

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Chords: D, G, A7

Measure 1: D (0), A (5), F# (5), D (0), A (0)

Measure 2: D (0), G (8), A7 (5), D (0), A7 (0)

Measure 3: D (0), G (7), A7 (0), D (0), A7 (0)

Measure 4: D (0), G (0), A7 (1), D (0), A7 (0)

Measure 5: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), A7 (0)

Measure 6: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 7: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 8: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 9: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 10: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 11: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 12: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 13: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 14: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 15: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 16: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 17: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 18: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 19: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 20: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 21: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 22: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 23: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 24: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 25: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 26: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 27: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

Measure 28: D (0), G (0), A7 (0), D (0), G (0)

32 D G D A7 D G D A7

36 D G 1. A7 D 2. A7 D D G

40 A7 D A7 D G A7 D

45 1. A7 D 2. A7 D G D A7

50 D G D A7 D G D A7

55 1. A7 D 2. A7 D A7 D

60 H 7 9 0 0 0 0 11 12 | 5 0 0 0 10 12

The Arkansas Traveler is one of those universal fiddle tunes that almost everyone has heard, somehow. The first few measures are more rhythmic than melodic, and emphasize the back beat. Note the double slide in the second full measure, both slides should occur after the fourth string has been plucked. In the fifth measure, the second string is actually picked, choked up, picked again, and then the choke is released, without lifting the finger from the seventh fret. This technique can't be depicted in the tab system.

This is one of the tunes I talk more about in the narrative found at side tab called "Orville's Way," accessed from the Main window.