

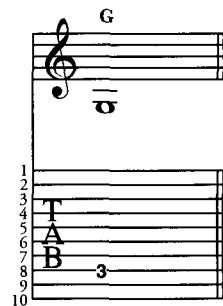
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A compact disc is included with this book. This disc can make learning easier and more enjoyable. The symbol at the top appears next to every example that is on the CD. Use the CD to help ensure that you're capturing the feel of the examples, interpreting the rhythms correctly, and so on. The track number next to the symbol corresponds directly to the example(s) you want to hear. Track 1 will help you tune your pedal steel guitar to the CD.

## Low G on the 8th String



Here's a classic bluegrass tune for you to play using your new note, low G.

Boil Them Cabbage Down  Track 13

Sheet music for "Boil Them Cabbage Down" in 4/4 time, Treble Clef.

**Chords:** G, C, G, C, G, D, G

**Fretting:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
T	A	B							

**Pedal Settings:**

T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
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**Notes:**

For each measure, the first note is on the G string, followed by notes on the A, B, and 8th strings. Measures 1-4: G (T), A (3), B (3), 8th (3). Measures 5-6: G (T), A (4), B (4). Measures 7-8: G (3), A (3), B (3). Measure 9: G (3). Measure 10: G (T).

Measures 5-10 show a transition to a different section of the song.