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The Backward Roll

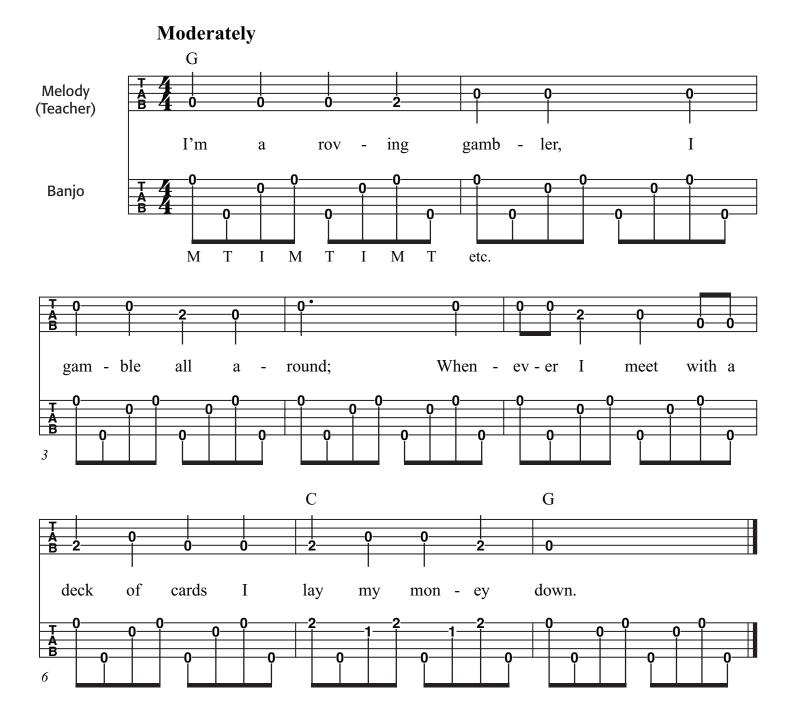


Start with the 1st string, and work backward across the strings. The sequence is:

- 1. Middle finger picks up on 1st string
- 2. Thumb picks down on 5th string
- 3. Index finger picks up on 2nd string
- 4. Middle finger picks up on 1st string
- 5. Thumb picks down on 5th string
- 6. Index finger picks up on 2nd string
- 7. Middle finger picks up on 1st string
- 8. Thumb picks down on 5th string

THE ROVING GAMBLER (VERSION 2)

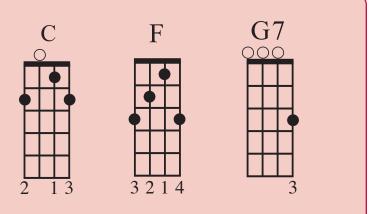
Below is the TAB for "The Roving Gambler" using the backward roll.



The Key of D

To play in the key of D, keep your capo at the 2nd fret. You will be fingering in the key of C, but with the capo at the 2nd fret, you'll actually sound in D. Don't forget to tune your 5th string two frets higher to an A.

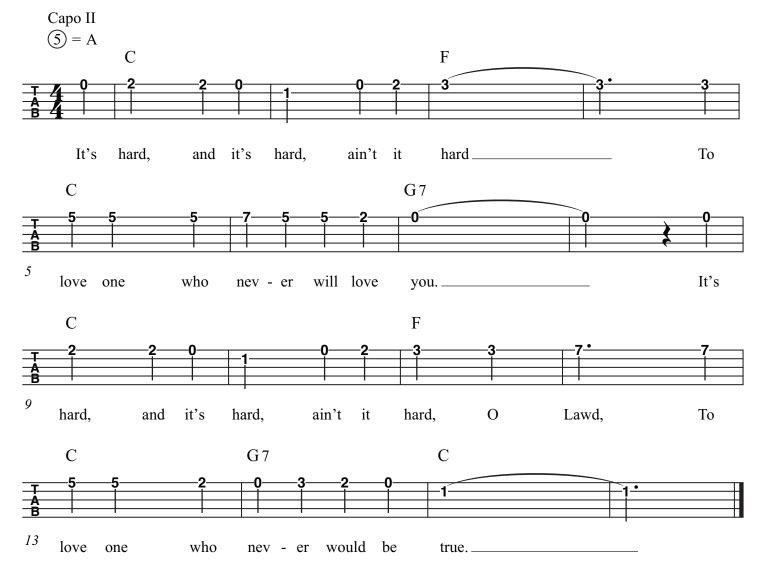
To the right are the three chords you'll need:



HARD, AIN'T IT HARD



Track 3



Additional Lyrics

There is a place in this old town, That's where my true love lays around, He takes other women, right down on his knee, And he tells them a little tale he won't tell me. Don't go to drinking and a gamblin', Don't go there your sorrows to drown, That hard liquor place is a lowdown disgrace, It's the meanest old place in this town.