The Rattlin’ Bog (The Bog Down in the Valley-o)

Arranged for 3-string fretted cigar box guitar tuned to Open G GDG.

Here’s a fun Irish song that is a favorite of both kids and adults. It uses an old traditional Irish session tune called “The Siege of Ennis” as its melody. The verses of this song are sung in an “accumulating” manner, where each new verse gets added to all of the previous verses (of which there are 9 or more), so by the last verse it’s quite a mouthful!

Additional Verses

And on that tree there was a limb, and a rare limb and a rattlin’ limb...
Limb onna tree and a tree inna bog and-a bog down in the valley-o
(Chorus)
And on that limb there was a branch, and-a rare branch and a rattlin’ branch...
Branch onna limb and a limb onna tree and-a tree inna bog and the bog down in the valley-o
(chorus)

Even more verses...
Twig onna branch...
Nest onna twig...
Egg inna nest...
Bird onna egg...
Feather onna bird...
Flea onna feather.

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