

# Tune of the Month: Elk River Blues

The Elk River is located in West Virginia. Do not be put off by the differing time signatures in this transcription. Several versions of this tune can be found on YouTube --- consult them first. The tune transcription below comes from the Nashville Old-time String Band Association (NOTSBA) website.

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- 1) CCCCC            GGGG CCCCC            DDDD  
2) AmAmAmAmAm GGGG AmAmAmAmAm GGGG

Old-Time  
From NOTSBA Jam  
Arr: Ray Mathes

The musical score for 'Elk River Blues' is written in G major (one sharp) and consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. It starts with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G, then a double bar line with repeat dots. The first measure of the first ending is in 3/4 time, starting with a C chord, and contains a half note G and a quarter note A. The second measure of the first ending is in 2/4 time, starting with a G chord, and contains a quarter note G and a quarter note A. The second staff continues the melody in 3/4 time with a C chord, then a D chord in the 2/4 section. The third staff continues in 3/4 time with an Am chord, then a G chord in the 2/4 section. The fourth staff concludes the piece with an Am chord in 3/4 time, a G chord in 2/4 time, and a first ending with two endings (1. and 2.) leading to a final double bar line.