MY OLD MAN
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sung by John Denver on Rhymes & Reasons (1969)

Intro: D Bm A D

F#m Bm A
MY OLD MAN HAD A ROUNDER'S SOUL.

HE'D HEAR AN OLD FREIGHT TRAIN.
D
THEN HE'D HAVE TO GO.
F#m Bm A
SAID HE'D BEEN BLESSED WITH A GYPSY BONE.

THAT'S THE REASON THEY GUESSED
D
HE'D BEEN CURSED TO ROAM.
F#m Bm A
CAME INTO TOWN BACK BEFORE THE WAR.

DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT WAS
D
HE WAS LOOKING FOR.
F#m Bm A
HE CARRIED A TATTERED BAG FOR HIS VIOLIN.

IT WAS FULL OF LOTS OF SONGS
D
OF PLACES THAT HE'D BEEN.
F#m Bm A
HE TALKED REAL EA----SY HAD A SMILING WAY

TO PASS ALONG TO YOU
D
WHEN HIS FIDDLE PLAYED.
F#m Bm A
MAKING PEOPLE DROP THEIR CARES AND WOES.

TO HUM OUT LOUD THOSE TUNES
D
THAT HIS FIDDLE HOWLED.
F#m Bm A
TILL THE PEOPLE THERE BEGAN TO JOIN THAT SOUND.

AND EVERYONE IN TOWN WAS LAUGHING.
D
SINGING, DANCING ROUND.
F#m Bm A
LIKE THE FIDDLER'S TUNE WAS ALL THEY HEARD THAT NIGHT.

AS IF SOME DREAM SAID

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"ALL THE WORLD IS RIGHT"

F#m Bm A

HIS FIDDLER'S EYE CAUGHT ONE BEAUTY THERE.

D

SHE HAD THAT ROLLIN' FLOWIN'

F#m Bm A

GOLDEN KIND OF HAIR.

D

HE PLAYED FOR HER AS IF SHE DANCED ALONE.

HE PLAYED HIS FAVORITE SONGS.

D

ONES HE CALLED HIS OWN.

F#m Bm A

HE PLAYED UNTIL SHE WAS THE LAST TO GO.

HE STOPPED AND PACKED HIS CASE

D

AND SAID HE'D TAKE HER HOME.

F#m Bm A D

F#m Bm A

ALL THE NIGHTS THAT PASSED A CHILD WAS BORN.

ALL THE YEARS THAT PASSED.

D

THAT LOVE WOULD KEEP THEM WARM.

F#m Bm A

ALL THEIR LIVES THEY'D SHARE A DREAM COME TRUE.

ALL BECAUSE SHE DANCED

D

WHILE HIS FIDDLE TUNED.

F#m Bm A

MY OLD MAN HAD A ROUNDER'S SOUL.

HE'D HEAR AN OLD FREIGHT TRAIN.

D

THEN HE'D HAVE TO GO.

F#m Bm A

ALL THAT I RECALL SAID WHEN I WAS SO YOUNG.

NO ONE ELSE COULD REALLY

D

SING THOSE SONGS HE SUNG.