

I left Tennessee very much alive



I never would have got through the Arkansas mud

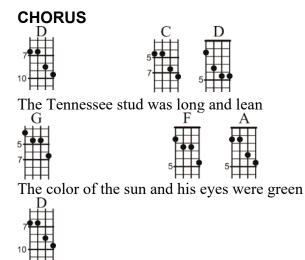


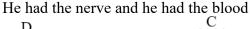


If I hadn't been a-ridin on the Tennessee stud

[repeat chords chords]

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And there never was a hoss like the Tennessee stud

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I circled their camp for a time or two Just to show what a Tennessee hoss can do The bandit* boys couldn't get my blood 'Cause I was a-ridin' on the Tennessee stud

We drifted on down into no man's land We crossed the river called the Rio Grande I raced my hoss with the Spaniards bold 'Til I got me a skin full of silver and gold

Me and a gambler we couldn't agree We got in a fight over Tennessee We jerked our guns, he fell with a thud And I got away on the Tennessee stud

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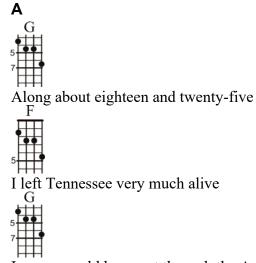
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Stirrup to stirrup and side by side We crossed the mountains and the valleys wide We came to Big Muddy and we forded the flood On the Tennessee mare and the Tennessee stud

Pretty little baby on the cabin floor
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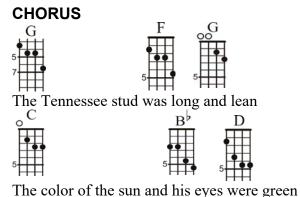
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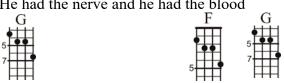
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