

The Old-Time Collection



Rock the Cradle, Joe (traditional)

Musical score for "Rock the Cradle, Joe" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with corresponding fingering numbers below each staff.

Staff 1: 1 2 3 3 2 1 1 2 3 3 2 1 1 2 1 2 4

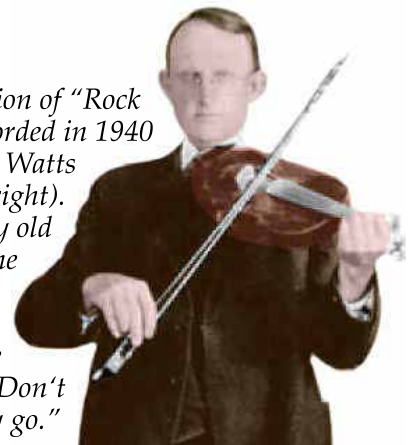
Staff 2: 3 0 2 1 0 0 3 0 2 1 0 0 3 0 1

Staff 3: 2 1 0 3 2 0 1 2 3 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2

Staff 4: 1 3 3 0 1 2 1 2 4 3 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2

Staff 5: 1 3 3 0 1 2 1 0 3 2 0 1 2 3

An early recorded version of "Rock the Cradle Joe" was recorded in 1940 by Virginian fiddler John Watts "Babe" Spangler (pictured right). It's possibly related to a very old British ballad called "Rock the Cradle John." The American lyrics include "Rock the cradle, Lucy, Rock the cradle Joe, Rock the cradle, Lucy, Don't let the baby go."



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