East Tennessee Blues

By Charlie Bowman (1889-1962)

Arranged and typeset in ABC Plus (ABC 2.0) by Pete Showman. Rev 1: 12/3/2017

East Tennessee Blues was written by Charlie Bowman (1889 - 1962) and recorded by him with the Hill Billies in 1926. Charlie was an old-time fiddle player who had won many fiddle contests across southern Appalachia in the early 1920s. He was invited by Al Hopkins to join his band, the “Hill Billies,” with whom he recorded many tunes. This is more or less how I learned the tune. See how Charlie Bowman played it, below.

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More or less as Charlie played it

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Transcribed and arranged by Pete Showman from Charlie Bowman’s 1926 recording (at about 92bpm), available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vq8rwzPHbdI. Rev 1: 1/20/2018

Note: the dotted rhythms shown should be played less strongly, something like this:

Listen to the recording (or to the MIDI).