Key: D Major

The Possum’s Tail is Bare

From fiddler Melvin Wine
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1. Well the squirrel’s got a bushy tail, puffy grows the hair;
   The old coon’s tail is ringed all around but the possum’s tail is bare.
   The possum’s tail is bare, oh the possum’s tail is bare.

2. Take an old possum by the tail, then we skin him on a rail,
   Never ever more will he be there, grinning at the moon.
   Just grinning at the moon, just grinning at the moon;
   Never ever more will he be there, grinning at the moon.

Another add-on verse, also found for Bile ’Em Cabbage Down:

2. Oh the possum’s up a ’simmon [or apple] tree, the raccoon’s on the ground.
   Raccoon says to Possum "Won’t you knock some ’simmons [apples] down?"
   Oh, the possum’s tail is bare, ....