

* And Ruffled Drawers. There is an entirely different tune that's also called Buffalo Nickel.

Some borrowed lyrics that fit the melody (suggested at tunearch.org):
I wisht I had a new five cents, wisht I had a dime,
I wisht I had a new five cents, to give that gal of mine.

Arranged and typeset in ABC Plus by Pete Showman, 2004, 2006, 2016. This illustrates some variations I might use (e.g. in measures $5-6$ vs. 1-2, and measure 10 vs. 9 ), though not usually all at once. But I pretty regularly play the pickups in the second ' B ' differently than in the first ' B ', as shown, so have written B2 out. You can find other settings in the Phillips Collection of American Fiddle Tunes, Gene Silberberg's Tunes I Learned at the Tractor Tavern, and on the Web.

The Buffalo Nickel (1913-1938)


The tune, or at least the name, is believed to commemorate the "new" Buffalo Nickel of 1913. We had another set of four new five-cent pieces in 2004-5 to commemmorate the Lewis and Clark Expedition's centennial. In 2006 the nickel's design reverted to an update of the 1938 Jefferson/Montecello design, as mandated by Congress.

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