

Key: G (& Em)

The Big Scioty

Traditional, arr. Pete Showman

(a.k.a. The Big Sciota)

$\text{♩} = 90$

3 A G (D) G (D) G

5 C D 1 G 2 G

9 B G (D) Am Em C

13 Em C G (D) 1 G 2 G

(to repeat tune)

Big Scioty ("Sigh-OH-tee") is named for the Scioto ("Sigh-OH-ta") River, which runs south down the middle of the state of Ohio and joins the Ohio River at Portsmouth. West Virginia Fiddler and banjo player Burl Hammons is generally credited as the source of the tune; see a link below to his very crooked rendition. YouTube has many recordings of it, often "squared up", as is the version above.

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Here are links to a few interesting versions on the Web:

- * www.slippery-hill.com/recording/big-scioty (partial recording (Alan Jabbour's from 1970?) of Burl Hammons playing one of his wildly crooked versions)
- * www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gyj7m0QdFkM (A smoother -- and square -- version, with Aly Bain & Jay Ungar fiddling, guitar and Dobro solos by Russ Barenberg and Jerry Douglas, Molly Mason on bass and Jim Sutherland on bodhran)
- * www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dde7W7Xt6P4 (a nice version with two guitars)