

Key: A

♩ = 140

# Jack of Diamonds

Traditional

(aka Rye Whiskey, Drunken Hiccups/Hiccoughs)

arr. Pete Showman

1. I' - ve played cards in Eng - land I've gam - bled in Spain; go -in'  
 2. Gon -na eat when I'm hun - gry, gonna drink when I'm dry; get to  
 5 back to Caro - li - na, gon -na play my last game. Gon -na  
 feel -in' much bet -ter, gon -na sprout wings and - - - - fly. Jack of  
 9 dia - monds, jack of dia - monds I've known you from old. You've  
 13 robbed my poor pock -ets of sil - ver and gold. (Jack of... (to repeat tune)

Example lyrics, to the [A] part:

- 3. Gonna take down my fiddle, gonna rosin up the bow  
 Gonna make myself welcome wherever I go.
  - 4. Gonna drink, gonna gamble; all my money's my own (and)  
 Them that don't like me can leave me alone
- (chorus + instrumental)

To the [A] part:

- 5. Gonna beat on the counter, gonna make the glass ring;  
 More brandy, more brandy, more brandy to bring.
- 6. If the river was whiskey And I was a duck  
 I'd dive to the bottom and never come up

To the [B] part:

But the river ain't whiskey and I ain't no duck;  
 I'll play these drunkard's hiccups and trust to my luck.  
 Jack of diamonds, jack of diamonds I've known you from old  
 You've robbed my poor pockets of silver and gold.

This is the song; there's also a "Jack of Diamonds" breakdown.

This arrangement is based on Dirk Powell, Tim O'Brien and John Herrmann's version from their *Songs from the Mountains* album (in A), at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5yZxNsKfuM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5yZxNsKfuM). You can see and hear Tex Ritter performing a somewhat different (and hammed-up) version in D on the Grand Old Opry, at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyk1BPEABsE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyk1BPEABsE).

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