

Cumberland Gap

Traditional, U.S./Kentucky (1890's); Lonnie Donegan (1957)

Chorus:

Cumberland gap, Cumberland gap
Fifteen miles on the Cumberland gap
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Fifteen miles on the Cummmm-berland gap

Lonnie Donegan verses:

Cumberland gap ain't nowhere
Fifteen miles from Middlesborough

I got a girl six feet tall
Sleeps in the kitchen with her feet in the hall

Two old ladies sitting in the sand
Each one wishing that the other was a man

Well a dollar is a dollar and a dime is a dime
And I love you baby most all the time

Frank Proffitt verses:

Me and my wife and my wife's pap
We're all goin' down to Cumberland Gap

Cumberland Gap with its cliffs and rocks
Home of the panther, bear, and fox

Daniel Boone on Pinnacle Rock
Had a coonskin hat and an old flintlock

Cumberland Gap is a mighty fine place
Three kinds of water to wash your face

Lay down, boys, and take a little nap
Fifteen miles to Cumberland Gap

Bascom Lamar Lumsford verses:

Walnut bark, walnut sap
Colors all the stockings in the Dogget Gap

Breaking up ground and I'm a gonna pitch a camp
I'm getting something started in the Dogget Gap

Jerked on the boots and pulled on the strap
With both socks missing in the Dogget Gap

They went to the buggy and they raised up the flap
Stole all my liquor in the Dogget Gap

Oh, they took off a wheel and they threw away a tap
When I went a courtin' in the Dogget Gap

I reined up my filly and I give a little slap
And I run like the devil through the Dogget Gap

I shot about twice and I fetched a little yell
And the boys all run like a bat out of hell

I've gotta girl in the Dogget Gap
She don't mind sittin' in her sweetheart's lap

Ask your pappy to send you back
Send all the children to the Dogget Gap

chorus:

E, E
E, B7-E
E, E
E, B7, B7, E, E

verse:

E, E
E, B7-E