

break to Foggy Mountain Special

based on Earl's break on the
Flatt & Scruggs TV show with guest Ricky Skaggs

Key of G, g tuning gDGBD
- or - Capo 2 and play in the
Key of A to play along
with the video.

G

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C

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G

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D G

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The YouTube video <http://youtu.be/uCYCCuJLlA> shows the Flatt & Scruggs TV Show with 7-year old Ricky Skaggs playing mandolin on the tune "Foggy Mountain Special". Earl plays a banjo break 1:38 - 1:53 in the video.

They play the tune in the Key of A and Earl plays it on the banjo without a capo. You'll hear some open notes from time to time on the open 1st string and an open 5th string which are out-of-key but do not detract from the solo. At other times, Earl completely mutes the open strings that he picks, resulting in a percussive sound.

This tab is a close approximation of Earl's solo on the TV Show video. Compare this break to the various solos that Earl plays on the 1954 session by Flatt & Scruggs for Columbia Records.

The red numbers (17) and (15) on the second string are an alternate way of playing the 14 and 12 on the first string.