

The Banjo Song

Words & Music:
Traditional American

I've been asked to provide the tune for this one, since it is apparently unrecorded anywhere. So, here is a solo version of this and -- pardon the pipes -- a duet version with a higher voice so kids can sing along. Enjoy!

D A7
I u-la-lused to play-la-lay on my-la-lie ban-jo-la-lo.
A7 D A7 D
But my-la-lie ban-jo-la-lo got bro-la-lo-lo--loke.
D A7
I too-la-looke it to-la-lo the me-le-lender's sho-la-lop,
A7 D A7 D
But the me-le-lender's sho-la-lop was shu-la-la-la--lut.

Since people have asked what this nonsense means, here are the words without the "la-la" parts added: "I used to play on my banjo, but my banjo got broke. I took it to the mender's shop, but the mender's shop was shut."