

Cluck Old Hen

A - modal (Dorian/Mixolydian)
drones: A and/or E

I

trad. Appalachian (U.S.A.)

Song/Dance

A* G A* G A*

1. My old hen's a good old hen, she lays eggs for the rail - road men:
5 Some-times one, some-times two, some-times e-nough for the whole_ [dern] crew.
9 Cluck old hen, cluck and sing, Ain't laid an egg since way_ last spring;
13 Cluck old hen, cluck and squall, Y'ain't laid an egg since way_ last fall.

II

from Henry Reed (1884-1968, West Virginia/Virginia)

via A. Jabbour's Library of Congress trnsript.

Scottish pipe setting: Timothy Cummings

Hoedown / Breakdown
with a light swing

A* G A* G A*

*The Cs in this melody may be tuned pretty much anywhere between C-natural and C-sharp. Whichever tuning you choose could determine whether the accompanying A chords are A-Major or A-minor. (The chord progression is the same for each line.)