

The Bear Song
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intro: A

1. Well far away in the north country there lives a fiddler fair,
The townsfolk call him "Moon Mad John", the brother to the bear.
2. Well "Moon Mad John" has a tale to tell, to all who'll sit a while,
The children listen eagerly, while the grownups only smile.

solo: A

3. It was in the winter of '25, I was checkin' my traps one day,
When a storm come howlin' from the north and I did lose my way.
4. I soon was cold and hungry, and the darkness did come down,
I knew my death was closin' in and the wolves were howlin' round.
5. So I wandered round all in a daze and I fell down on the ground.
I don't know how long I lay there when I was wakened by a sound.

solo: A

6. All through the trees I peered, may lightnin' strike if I'm a liar,
I saw big shadows movin' slow and the flickerin' of the fire.
7. Oh the bears were all a-gathered there, dancin' and playin' fiddles,
And the finest fiddler I ever did see was the big bear in the middle.

solo: B x 2

8. They took me in and they sat me down and the fire did thaw my feet,
They gave me food and wine to drink and soon I fell asleep.
9. And when I awoke next morning, the day was clear and bright,
The snow lay trampled all about but there was not a bear in sight.
10. So three days south I travelled till I came to my own front door,
I threw all my guns and my traps away and I never did hunt no more.
11. And now you've heard my story, and the proof is in the tune,
That the bears did play when they saved my life, under the winter moon.

coda: A x 2 + B x 2