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Barlow Knife

Traditional old-time

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A barlow is a style of pocket knife made since the 1600s, with a folding blade and a tapered handle whose hinge end is wrapped in a metal bolster for strength. This is mostly a fiddle tune but words like these are commonly sung once or twice, e.g. during the first halves of the A and B parts. There are many variations.

I've been livin' here all my life, an' all I want is a barlow knife.

Stag-horn handle and a barlow blade; best darn knife that ever was made.

And maybe in the C part:

Barlow knife, barlow blade, best darn knife that ever was made.