

Fortune

Tommy Jarrell

Key: D / Fiddle tuning: ADAE

Structure: A1, A2, B1 (verse), B2 (chorus)

Chorus:

Fortune I had it, fortune I lost it,
Fortune I lost it, one night when I was drunk.

Verses:

Once I had a fortune, I put it in my trunk,
I lost it all a-gambling, one night when I was drunk.

I wish I had a pretty little horse, and corn to feed
him on
And a pretty little wife to stay at home, and feed
him when I'm gone

Once I had a fortune, but now I've lost it all
Drinkin' and a gambling, and playin' at the ball.

A verse or chorus can be sung alone in B1 or B2.

Recommended Recordings:

Tommy Jarrell – [Picking on Tommy's Porch](#) (YT), verses only

Jumpsteady Boys – [BOTMC 2013](#) (YT), has chorus (2:37 & 3 min)

Kirk Sutphin – [live performance, instrumental only](#) at Mt. Airy, NC (YT)

The melody in the chorus sung by the Jumpsteady Boys changes at times when they sing harmony. Joe Newberry sings the chorus solo with the melody we're used to hearing in North Carolina at 2:37 and 3 minutes into the video.