

# **SCVA Basic Bluegrass Jam Songbook**

Lyrics, chords, and recommended reference recordings.

This is the library of songs that will be used in the SCVFA Basic Bluegrass Jam. These are classic bluegrass songs, performed by the first generation of bluegrass bands. New songs will be added to the repertoire and song book as these songs become familiar to the group.

Please go to YouTube to listen to the referenced recordings as well as other renditions.

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# Are You Missing Me

Louvin Brothers

The day that I kissed you and told you goodbye  
Your lips told me that you would wait  
But your lips deceived me and told me a lie  
While your heart was sealing my fate

Are you all alone  
With a memory?  
Now that I am gone  
Darling, are you missing me?

Then out of the clear sky a letter there came  
And just like a bolt from the blue  
My castles came tumbling as I read it o'er  
I still can't believe that it's true

It said that in spite of the vows you had made  
The glitter of gold turned your head  
And while I was trying employment to find  
You married another instead

verse: 1 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

chorus: 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Are You Teasing Me

Louvin Brothers

When we're all alone, dear, and I'm in your arms  
Are you teasing me?

When you're telling me how you thrill to my charms  
Are you teasing me?

Chorus: Are you untrue when I'm not with you?  
When we're apart, are you free?  
Tell me darling, while our love is still young  
Are you teasing me?

You say that my kiss sends your heart in a whirl  
Are you teasing me?  
And that you'll be mine 'til the end of the world  
Are you teasing me?

You tell me my love makes your life complete  
Are you teasing me?  
And ne'er from my arms would you long to be  
Are you teasing me?

Verse: 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Are You Tired Of Me My Darling

Roland & Cook

Are you tired of me my darling  
Did you mean those words you said  
When you spoke in fond affection  
On the day that we were wed

Chorus:

Tell me could you live life over  
Would you make it otherwise  
Are you tired of me my darling  
Answer only with your eyes

Do you think I've proven falsehearted  
Since the day when first each other met  
And you said you always would love me  
Words my heart can n'er forget

Verse: 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 5 - 5 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Blue Night

Kirk McGee

Blue night I got you on my mind  
Blue night I can't keep from crying  
Well you met someone that was new  
Then you quit somebody that you knew was true  
Blue night I got you on my mind

Blue night blue as I can be  
I don't know what's become of me  
Where we used to walk now I walk alone  
With an aching heart and a love that's gone  
Blue night blue as I can be

Blue night I'm all alone  
I used to call you on the telephone  
Well I used to call and it made you glad  
Now I call and it makes you mad  
Blue night I'm all alone

Blue night all by myself  
Since you put me on that shelf  
Well there's just one thing you should know  
You're gonna reap just what you sow  
Blue night, all by myself  
Yeah, blue night, all by myself

1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 4  
1 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Blue Ridge Cabin Home

Certain & Stacey/Flatt & Scruggs

There's a well beaten path on that old mountainside  
Where I wandered when I was a lad  
And I wandered alone to the place I call home  
In those Blueridge hills far away

Chorus:

Oh I love those hills of old Virginia  
From those Blueridge hills I did roam  
When I die won't you bury me on the mountain  
Far away near my Blueridge mountain home

Now my thoughts wander back to that ramshackle shack  
In those blue ridge hills far away  
Where my mother and dad were laid there to rest  
They are sleeping in peace together there

I return to that old cabin home with a sigh  
I've been longing for days gone by  
When I die won't you bury me on that old mountain side  
Make my resting place upon the hills so high

Verse & Chorus:

1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Cabin On A Mountain

Veale & Williamson

There's a cabin on a mountain far away in Tennessee  
Dearest place this side of heaven and it's where I long to be  
I have rambled this world over sailed upon the deep blue sea  
But in a cabin on a mountain's where my heart will always be

Chorus:

I said good-bye to my blue-eyed mountain sweetheart  
Dearest girl in this whole wide world to me  
Every night of her I'm dreamin'  
In a cabin on a mountain far away In Tennessee.

Now my ramblin' days are over for tonight I'm on my way  
To that cabin on a mountain in Tennessee so far away  
I searched this wide world over sailed upon the deep blue sea  
But in a cabin with my darlin's where my heart will always be

Verse:

1 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 1      1 - 1 - 2<sup>7</sup> - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 1      1 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus:

5 - 5 - 1 - 1 - 2<sup>7</sup> - 2<sup>7</sup> - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Crying My Heart Out Over You

Flatt & Scruggs

Oh somewhere the music's playing soft and low  
And a stranger holds the one that I love so  
I was blind I could not see that you meant the world to me  
And like a fool I stood and watched you go

Chorus:

Now I'm crying my heart out over you  
Those blue eyes now they smile at someone new  
Ever since you went away, I die a little more each day  
Now I'm crying my heart out over you

Each night I climb the stairs up to my room  
It seems I hear you whisper in the gloom  
I miss your picture on the wall and your footsteps in the hall  
And I'm crying my heart out over you.

Verse & Chorus:

1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Dark Hollow

Bill Browning

I'd rather be in some dark hollow  
Where the sun don't ever shine  
Than to be home alone knowing that you're gone  
Would cause me to lose my mind

Chorus:

So blow your whistle freight train  
Carry me farther on down the track  
I'm going away I'm leaving today  
I'm going but I ain't coming back

I'd rather be in some dark hollow  
Where the sun don't ever shine  
Than to be in some big city  
In a small room with your love on my mind

Verse & Chorus:

1 - 5 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Hit Parade Of Love

Martin & Birchfield

From what I've been a-hearing dear you've really got it made  
You got a lot of fellers on your lover's hit parade  
If I can't be your number one I don't know what I'll do  
I'm gonna be plumb up to the top I'm so in love with you

On the hit parade of love I know I'll never stop  
I've got a long, long way to climb before I reach the top  
But if I do get there soon I'll really have it made  
Then I'll know I'm number one your lover's hit parade

Now it's your heart I'm after dear 'cause it's so nice and kind  
Another one to take your place would sure be hard to find  
So put your arms around me dear and be my turtle dove  
Then I'll feel like I'm number one on your hit parade of love

Now if we work together like all good lovers should  
We can make a go of it everything will turn out good  
We can have so much fun we'll really have it made  
Then I'll know I'm number one on your lover's hit parade

Verse: 1 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 5 - 5 - 1 - 1 - 2<sup>7</sup> - 2<sup>7</sup> - 2<sup>7</sup> - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# How Mountain Girls Can Love

Carter Stanley

Chorus:

Get down boys, go back home  
Back to the girl you love  
Treat her right, never wrong  
How mountain girls can love

Verses:

Riding tonight in the high cold wind  
On the trail of the old lonesome pine  
Thinking of you, feeling so blue  
Wondering why I left you behind

Remember the night we strolled down the lane  
Our hearts were gay and happy then  
You whispered to me as I held your close  
You hoped this night would never end

Verse: 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# I'll Stay Around

Lester Flatt

Now you just told me that you're leaving  
On the next train coming down  
I love you dear but I won't follow  
I just think I'll stay around

Chorus: For someday I know you'll want me  
When your true love can't be found  
But if you go dear I won't follow  
I just think I'll stay around

You know that I have always loved you  
And I've never let you down  
But if you go dear I won't follow  
I just think I'll stay around

Someday you'll hear that whistle blowing  
On the special coming down  
You'll be looking for me baby  
But I may not be around

Verse: 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

# I Don't Want Your Rambling Letters

Nath, Starr, & Redd

## Chorus:

I don't want your rambling letters  
Don't want your picture in a frame  
All I want is you in person  
Won't you let me change your name  
(Won't you let me wear your ring)

## Verses:

I'm so tired of long distance kisses  
Love by mail is oh so cold  
I just want you in my arms dear  
Then our love just can't grow old

Mama says you'll come home soon  
Papa warned me not to wait  
Sister thinks that you still love me  
Hurry home right away

## Verse & Chorus:

1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 1  
4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# I Wonder Where You Are Tonight

Johnny Bond

Tonight, I'm sad my heart is weary  
Wondering if I'm wrong or right  
To dream about you though you left me  
I wonder where you are tonight

Chorus: The rain is cold and slowly falling  
Upon my windowpane tonight  
And though your love is even colder  
I wonder where you are tonight

Your heart was cold you never loved me  
Although you often said you cared  
But now you've gone and found another  
Someone to know the love we shared

Then came the dawn the day you left me  
I tried to smile with all my might  
But you could see the pain within me  
That lingers in my heart tonight

Verse: 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Little Cabin Home On The Hill

Lester Flatt & Bill Monroe

Tonight I'm alone without you my dear  
It seems there's a longing for you still  
All I have to do now is sit alone and cry  
In our little cabin home on the hill

Chorus: Oh, someone has taken you from me  
And left me here all alone  
Just listen to the rain beat on my windowpane  
In our little cabin home on the hill

I hope you are happy tonight as you are  
But in my heart there's a longing for you still  
I'll just keep it there so I won't be alone  
In our little cabin home on the hill

Now when you have come to the end of the way  
And find there's no more happiness for you  
Just let your thoughts turn back once more if you will  
To our little cabin home on the hill

Verse: 1 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Love Please Come Home

Leon Jackson

As you read this letter that I write to you  
Sweetheart I hope you understand  
That you're the only love I knew  
Please forgive me if you can

Chorus:

Sweetheart I beg you to come home tonight  
I'm so blue and all alone  
I promise that I'll treat you right  
Love, oh love oh please come home

That old wind is cold and slowly creepin' around  
And the fire is burning low  
The snow has covered up the ground  
Your baby's hungry sick and cold

Verse & Chorus:

1 - 1 - 1 - <sup>b</sup>7 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 1  
4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

# My Little Georgia Rose

Bill Monroe

Now come and listen to my story  
A story that I know is true  
A little rose that bloomed in Georgia  
With hair of gold and a heart so true

Chorus: Way down in the blue ridge mountains  
Way down where the tall pines grow  
Lives my sweetheart of the mountains  
She's my little Georgia rose

Her mother left her with another  
A carefree life she had planned  
The baby now she is a lady  
The one her mother couldn't stand

We often sing those songs together  
I watched her do her little part  
She'd smile at me when I would tell her  
That she was my sweetheart

Verse: 1 - 1/4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1/4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Old Love Letters

Johnny Bond

Today I burned your old love letters  
I burned them slowly one by one  
Before I'd light the flame I'd read them  
To try and find the wrongs I'd done

Chorus:

The first you wrote me was the sweetest  
The last one broke my heart in two  
Our love is there among the embers  
In the ashes of your letters tied in blue

As I burned your old love letters  
I watched my dreams go up in smoke  
I lived again those precious memories  
I heard each tender word you spoke

Verse: 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 1 - 1

# ONCE MORE

Dusty Owens

Chorus:

Once more, to be with you dear  
Just for tonight, to hold you tight  
Once more, I'd give a fortune  
If I could see you once more.

Verse 1:

Forget the past, this hurt can't last  
Oh I don't want it to keep us apart  
Your love I crave, I'll be your slave  
If you just give me all of your love

Verse 2:

Our love is strong, but it can't right the wrongs  
If we are foolish and blinded by pride  
So take my hand, we'll start our love again  
And leave the hurting and heartache behind

Chorus: 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

Verse: 1 - 5 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 5  
1 - 5 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

# The White Dove

Carter Stanley

In the deep rolling hills of old Virginia  
There's a place that I love so well  
Where I spent many days of my childhood  
In the cabin where we loved to dwell

Chorus: White doves will mourn in sorrow  
The willows will hang their heads  
I'll live my life in sorrow  
Since mother and daddy are dead

We were all so happy there together  
In our peaceful little mountain home  
But the Savior needs angels in heaven  
Now they sing around the great white throne

As the years go by I often wonder  
If we'll all be together someday  
And each night as I wander to the graveyard  
Darkness finds me where I kneel to pray

Verse: 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

Chorus: 1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1

# Your Love Is Like A Flower

Flatt & Scruggs

It was long, long ago in the moonlight  
We were sitting on the banks of the stream  
When you whispered so sweetly, I love you  
As the waters murmured a tune

Chorus: Oh they tell me your love is like a flower  
In the springtime it blossoms so fair  
In the fall then it withers away dear  
And they tell me that's the way of your love

I remember the night, little darling  
We were talking of days gone by  
When you told me you always would love me  
That your love for me would never die

It was spring when you whispered these words dear  
The flowers were all blooming so fair  
But today as the snow falls around us  
I can see that your love is not there

Verse & Chorus:

1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 - 5  
1 - 1 - 4 - 4 - 1 - 5 - 1 - 1