

Old Blue

Trad. Arr. and Adapt. Roger McGuinn Byrds

Key D, Capo none tmL*/dmM/caH 90bpm
OldBlue.4 arranged by donmc October 30, 2025

intro (repeat)

(<i>Dsus2</i>) <i>D</i>	<i>D A Bm</i>
(<i>Bmadd11</i>) <i>Bm</i>	<i>Bm A D</i>

verse 1 (dm)

Well, I had an old dog and his name was Blue

Yes, I had an old dog and his name was Blue

Well, I had an old dog and his name was Blue

Betcha five dollars he's a good dog too

instrumental

(Dsus2) D D A Bm (Bmadd11) Bm Bm A D

verse 2 (dm)

D
Old Blue chased a possum up a hollow limb

D *A* *D*
chased a possum up a hollow limb

D *Bm*
Blue chased a possum up a hollow limb

D *A* *D*
The possum growled 'n Blue whined at him

instrumental

$(D_{sus2}) D \quad D A B m \quad (B m_{add11}) B m \quad B m A D$

	<i>D</i>	<i>Bm</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>D</i>
chorus (harmony)	Bye bye blue, -- you're a good dog you,					
	<i>D</i>	<i>Bm</i>	<i>Gmaj7</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>D</i>
	Bye bye blue, -- you good dog you,					

$$(D_{sus2}) D \quad D A B m \quad (B_{madd11}) B m \quad B m A D$$

D
When Old Blue died he died so hard

D *A* *D*

He shook the ground in my back yard

D *Bm*

We lowered him down with a golden chain

D *A* *D*

And every link we called his name

$$(D_{sus2}) D \quad D A B m \quad (B_{madd11}) B m \quad B m A D$$
$$D \qquad \qquad \qquad D \quad DAD$$

verse 4

My old Blue he was a good old hound
D *D* *D A D*

You could hear him hollerin' miles around
D *Bm*

When I get to Heaven first thing I'll do
D *A* *D*

Is grab my horn and call for Blue

$$(D_{sus2}) D \quad D A B m \quad (B_{madd11}) B m \quad B m A D$$

Chorus

$$(D_{sus2}) D \quad D A B m \quad (B m_{add11}) B m \quad B m A D$$
