

# 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)

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

verse 1 (dm)      *D a3*      *D D A D*  
Well, I had an old dog and his name was Blue  
*D*                  *A*                  *D*      *D D A D*  
Yes, I had an old dog and his name was Blue  
*D*                  *Bm*  
Well, I had an old dog and his name was Blue  
*D*                  *A*                  *D*  
Betcha five dollars he's a good dog too

instrumental

(*Dsus2*) *D*      *D A Bm*    (*Bmadd11*) *Bm*      *Bm A D*  
*D*  
verse 2 (dm)      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

(*Dsus2*) *D*      *D A Bm*    (*Bmadd11*) *Bm*      *Bm A D*  
  
chorus (harmony)      *D Bm G A G D*  
                          Bye bye blue, -- you're a good dog you,  
*D Bm Gmaj7 A G D*  
                          Bye bye blue, -- you good dog you,

### instrumental

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

D

verse 3 (dm) When Old Blue died he died so hard

$$P \qquad \qquad A \qquad P$$

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

### instrumental

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

chorus (harmony) Chorus

*D*      *DAD*

verse 4 My old Blue he was a good old hound

*D*      *DAD*

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

instrumental

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

chorus (harmony) Chorus

