

HOEDOWNER Tune of the Month



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This month's tune comes our way from the late great Kenny Hall, one of the few Oldtime sources from the West Coast. The song is generally credited to Percy Wenrich who wrote the music in 1908. (Percy also wrote Snow Deer, Silver Bell, and Moonlight Bay and many other tunes we're familiar with.)

But Kenny throws us a curve ball with this one: His Part A is Percy's Part B; but Kenny's Part B is not part of Percy's composition, and Kenny's book credits Harry Archer as the composer. Go figure!

Percy wrote Rainbow in the keys of E_b and B_b, but Kenny had the good sense to move it to G and D.

[You can watch Kenny play this on YouTube](#), with his unique mandolin style, and you can download the audio free at [slippery-hill.com](#).

Kenny performed this as part of his 'Indian Maiden Medley'. District 4 plays a subset of Kenny's Medley (Silver Bell, Redwing, and Snow Deer.) Search YouTube for '[Easy Winners Kenny Hall Medley](#)' and you can hear the whole medley.

Rainbow

Suggested by Melinda Grant (District 4)

II G III I C G

D7 G II

III I C G

D7 G Fine

D E7

A7 III D I

E7

A7 D D.C. al fine