

# Desert Bluegrass Workshop

## Year 1 - Session 1

### Bill Monroe Father of Bluegrass



**Bill Monroe 1911-1996** William Smith "Bill" Monroe was an American mandolinist, singer, and songwriter who created the style of music known as bluegrass. Because of this, he is commonly referred to as the "Father of Bluegrass". The genre takes its name from his band, the Blue Grass Boys, named for Monroe's home state of Kentucky. Monroe's performing career spanned 69 years as a singer, instrumentalist, composer and bandleader.

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# I'm On My Way Back to the Old Home

Progression 1:

Back in the days of my childhood	1 1 4 4
In the evening when everything was still	1 1 5 5
I used to sit and listen to the foxhounds	1 1 4 4
With my dad in those old Kentucky hills	1 5 1 1

I'm on my way back to the old home  
That road that winds up the hill  
But there's no light in the window  
That shined long ago where I lived.

Soon my childhood days were over  
I had to leave my old home  
My mom and dad were called to heaven  
I was left in this world all alone.

High in the hills of old Kentucky  
Stands the fondest place in my old memory  
I'm on my way back to the old home  
The light in the window I long to see.

# I Wonder Where You Are Tonight

	Progression 2:	
	Verse:	Chorus:
Tonight, I'm sad, my heart is weary		
Wondering if I'm wrong or right	1 1 4 4	4 4 1 1
You said you love me, then you left me	5 5 1 1	1 1 5 5
	1 1 4 4	1 1 4 4
I wonder where you are tonight	5 5 1 1	5 5 1 1

The rain is cold and slowly fallin'  
Upon my window pane tonight  
And though your love is even colder  
I wonder where you are tonight.

Your heart was cold, you never loved me  
Though you often said you cared  
But now you've gone to find another  
Someone who knows the love I 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

# Will You Be Lovin' Another Man

Progression 3:

Now, will you love me little darling  
When I'm in some other land?  
And you know I can't be with you  
or will you be lovin' another man?

1 1 1 1  
1 1 5 5  
1 1 4 4  
1 5 1 1

Will you be lovin' another man  
Will you be lovin' another man  
When I return will you be waiting  
Or will you be lovin' another man

Now don't be crying on my shoulder  
And telling me that love is grand  
And before I'm out of sight dear  
Then be lovin' another man

Now if I find this to be true dear  
I want you please to understand  
When I return don't say you're sorry  
Just keep on lovin' another man.

# Mountain Dew

Progression 4:

1 1 1 1

4 4 1 1

1 1 1 1

1 5 1 1

Down the road from me there's an old hollow tree  
Where you lay down a dollar or two  
You go around the bend and you come back again  
There's a jug of that good old mountain dew.

Oh they call it that good old mountain dew  
And them that refuse it are few  
I'll hush up my mug if you fill up my jug  
With that good old mountain dew.

The preacher rode by with his head hoisted high  
Said his wife had come down with the flu  
He thought that I ought to sell him a quart  
Of that good old mountain dew.

Well, my uncle Mort he is sawed off and short  
He measures about four foot two  
But he feels like a giant when you give him a pint  
Of that good old mountain dew.

# My Little Georgia Rose

Progression 5:

1 ¼ 1 1    4 4 1 1  
1 1 5 5    1 1 5 5  
1 ¼ 1 1    1 1 4 4  
1 5 1 1    1 5 1 1

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

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 old songs together  
I watched her do her little part  
She smiled at me when I would tell her  
That she was my sweetheart

# Rocky Road Blues

Progression 6

12 Bar Blues:

1 1 1 1

4 4 1 1

5 4 1 1

Well, the road is rocky but it won't be rocky long

The road is rocky but it won't be rocky long

Another man done took my woman and gone.

Well I got these blues and I'm wearin' out my shoes

I got these blues and I'm wearin' out my shoes

I ain't got no way to relieve these low down blues.

I wish to the Lord he'd bring my woman back home

I wish to the Lord he'd bring my woman back home

I don't mind being lonesome just don't want to be alone.

You never miss your water till the well runs dry

You never miss your water till the well runs dry

You never miss your woman until she says goodbye.

# Can't You Hear Me Calling

Progression 7:

1 1 1 1

4 4 1 1

The days are long and the nights are lonely

4 4 1 1

Since you left me all alone

4 5 1 1

I worry so, my little darling

I worry so, since you've been gone

Sweetheart of mine can't you hear me calling

A million times I love you, Bess

I mistreated you, Lord and I'm sorry

Come back to me is my request

I remember dear the night we parted

A big mistake has caused it all

If you'll return sunshine will follow

To stay away would be my fall

The days are dark my little darling

Oh how I need your sweet embrace

When I woke up the sun was shining

When I looked up I saw your face.