

The Stanley Brothers, Old Rattler

Rattler was a good old dog as blind as he could be
But every night at supertime I believe that dog could see

Here Rattler here here Rattler here
Call old Rattler from the barn here Rattler here

Rattler broke the other night I thought he treed a coon
When I come to find him he's barkin' at the moon

Rattler was a friendly dog even though he was blind
He wouldn't hurt a living thing he was so very kind

One night I saw a big fat coon climb into a tree
I called Ol' Rattler right away to fetch him down for me

But Rattler wouldn't fetch for me because he liked that coon
I saw them walking paw in paw later by the light of the moon

Grandpa had a muley cow muley since she was born
It took a jaybird forty years to fly from horn to horn

Now old Rattler's dead and gone like all the good dogs do
Don't put on the dog yourself or you'll be going there too