**Turkey In The Straw**

*Turkey In the Straw* was one of the earliest American minstrel songs. It was a fiddle tune named *Natchez Under the Hill* before it was published with words in 1834 as *Old Zip Coon*. It was very popular during Andrew Jackson's presidency.

**Intro:** Hit 'em up a tune called turkey in the straw

C

Weel I hitched up the wagon and I drove down the raod

G7

With a two horse wagon and a four horse load

C

I--I cracked my whip and the leader sprung

G7 C

And I says bye bye to the wagon tongue

C

Turkey in the hay, in the hay, hay, hay,

F

Turkey in the straw, in the straw, straw, straw

C (G) (F) G7

Pick 'em up shake 'em up anyway at all

C G7 C/// (G7/-to verse)

And hit up a tune called turkey in the straw

C

Oh I had a little chicken wouldn't lay me any eggs

G7

So I poured hot water up and down her legs..oh

C

The chicken she cried and the chicken she begged

G7 C

And the chicken she laid me a hard-boiled egg

C

Did you ever go a'fishin' on a bright 'n sunny day

G7

Sit on the bank and watch the little fishies play

C

With their hands in their pockets

And their pockets in their pants

C G7

Watch the fishies do the hootchy-kootchy dance?

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