

# A Dog named Blue (Old Blue)

English

American folk song

Each line can be echoed from the lead singer at the fermata.

1 'Had a dog and his name was Blue -

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Bet - cha five dol - lars he's a good dog too!

5 Periodic refrain (tutti)  
Ya! Old, Blue You good dog, you!

9 Final (tutti - i.e. no echo)  
Ya! Old Blue - - You good dog, you!

1. "Had a dog and his name was Blue--- betcha five dollars he's a good dog too
2. Every night just about good dark, Blue goes out and begins to bark
3. Blue chased a 'possum up a 'simmon tree, Blue looked at 'possum, 'possum looks at me
4. Chased that 'possum out on a limb. Blue set down and talked to him.
5. Blue got sick and very sick. Called for the doctor to come right quick.
6. Called for the doctor and the doctor come. Say "Blue your huntin' days are done."
7. Old Blue died and he died so hard, scratched little holes in my front yard.
8. When I get to heaven 'first thing I'll do.. pick up my horn and blow for Blue
9. Come on Blue, come on Blue, there's a 'possum in heaven for me and you.

**Collection:** Joan Litman 1954 from my father, Jim Isaacs. Many recorded and printed variations.