

# Sweet Betsy from Pike

Tune in DAd

Dulcimer Arrangement  
by Joe Collins

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1                    Did    you                    ev - er    hear    tell    of    Sweet    Bet - sy    from    Pike,                    Who

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14                    tall    Shang - hai    roos - ter    and    an    old    yel - low    dog.

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**Chorus** A7 D

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2. They swam the wide rivers and climbed the tall peaks  
 And camped on the prairies for weeks upon weeks,  
 Starvation and cholera, hard work and slaughter,  
 They reached California spite of hell and high water.

(Chorus - after each verse)

3. The Injuns come down in a wild yelling horde  
 And Betsy got skeered they would scalp her adored,  
 So behind the front wagon-wheel Betsy did crawl,  
 And frougt off the Injuns with musket and ball.

4. They camped on the prairie one bright, starry night,  
 They broke out the whisky and Betsy got tight,  
 She sang and she shouted and romped o'er the plain  
 And showed her bare bum to the whole wagon train.

5. They passed the Sierras through mountains of snow,  
 Till old California was sighted below.  
 Sweet Betsy she hollered, and Ike gave a cheer,  
 Saying 'Betsy, my darlin', I'm a made millionaire.'

6. A miner said, 'Betsy, will you dance with me?'  
 'I will that, old hoss, if you don't make too free.  
 But don't dance me hard, do you want to know why?  
 Doggon ye, I'm chock full of strong alkali.'

7. Long Ike and Sweet Betsy got married, of course,  
 But Ike, who was jealous, obtained a divorce,  
 And Betsy, well satisfied, said with a smile,  
 'I've six good men waitin' within half a mile.'