

Hoodoo Hoedown

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D G D A

5 D G D A D

9 Bm F#m Bm F#m Bm D

13 Bm D Bm A Bm

Hoodoos are unusual toadstool shaped rock formations formed by erosion and found along the incredibly scenic white cliffs area of the Upper Missouri River in northern Montana. Lewis and Clark were fascinated by these formations and remarked on them in their journals. Hoodoo is a word of African origin meaning bad luck. The formations can look rather ominous and spooky.

Dulcimer player Jay Hurley and I canoed 149 miles down the Wild and Scenic Upper Missouri in May, 2006. We never tired of the endless variety and beauty of the cliffs, canyons, and rock formations, especially hoodoos. Jay decided there needed to be a tune with the title Hoodoo Hoedown. He says he composed one in his head, but by the time we got home he had forgotten it. I played this and asked if it was close to what he had in mind. He declared that was it exactly.