"The Cuckoo" is a traditional English and Appalachian American song that has various titles, all involving "Cuckoo" and a variety of sets of lyrics. You can find more lyrics on the Internet, and several versions on YouTube, with variations on the melody and even more variation in the introduction. Our favorite is by the 1960s-1970s rock/ethnic band "Kaleidoscope".

Feel free to experiment with both the tune and the intro. We like doing it with guitar and hammered dulcimer, and sometimes hold the whole notes in the intro out for 8 beats instead of four, throwing some guitar runs under the final A in the intro. If you play it through several times, try repeating the intro each time; and try using the intro as a long tag at the end.

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