

Sweet Betsy from Pike

Polansky

Opening

Verse 1

* All harmonics are notated as sounding pitch and string.
Fret numbers are sometimes given (parenthetically, in arabic numerals) for clarification.

Verse 2 (no break)

(LH only tap) gently, quietly

The— Shang-hai ran off and the

LH hammers continuously... *(no LH attack...)*

(RH harmonics) *(Repeat each 2 measure phrase to taste)* **pp**

cat-tle all died. The last piece of ba-con that morn-ing was fried. Poor Ike got dis - cour-aged and Bet-sy got

8va *(no LH attack...)*

mad, and the dog wagged his tail and looked won - der - ful sad.

Solo 2
low strings ad lib, droney, resonant

rubato, fast *(with expression, a little bending)* *RH tap*

Verse 3

The— al - ka - li des - ert was burn - ing and bare and I - saac's sal shrank from the

(pull-off from harmonic) (II) 3

II (pull-off) III

Verse 5

Sweet Bet-sy got up in a great deal of pain, and

rubato

RH, pluck *pp*

de - clared she'd go back to Pike Coun-ty a - gain, then Ike heard a sigh and they

ff

(slightly slower) $\frac{3}{4} = \frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{4}$

out of time, very fast LH pull-offs

fond-ly em - braced and she trav-elled a - long with his arm 'round her waist. They—

relax

RH harmonics

(no attack)

RH finger, pluck

RH on neck

(Hammer with LH)

Verse 6 (Waltz)

swam the wide riv - er and crossed the tall peaks, and camped on the prair - ies for

(in general, hold finger positions...)

weeks up - on weeks. Star - va - tion and chol - e - ra and hard work and

RH pluck

(quiet)

(only accent low notes) (top of chord lightly)

