

## 10. Erie Canal (traditional)

When Felix was a couple months old, we were bouncing along to a Sesame Street video tape called "Happy Healthy Monsters" and a song came on that really stopped me in my tracks. That's rare these days so I paid closed attention. It was called "Jump Up" by a crazy-haired man named Dan Zanes. Turns out he's an old rock-and-roller (from the Del Fuegos) who has lots of kids records out. We went out and bought all we could find right away, and told all our friends with kids about him. About a year later, Felix turned his new baby cousin (and my Goddaughter), Cecilia, on to him and now I think she - translation: her dad- is his biggest fan! They're going to see him in concert in Atlanta in December. Rock on baby girl! My version of Erie Canal is a total rip-off of his Suzanne Vega version on Rocket Ship Beach. I just loved the spooky sound of it. So if you like mine, you'll love the original- check out Dan Zanes' website from our links page.

### ERIE CANAL (capo 3)

V1 Em D C9 C9/B

Oh, I've got a mule her name is Sal

Em D D/F# Em

15 miles on the Erie Canal

Em D C9 C9/B

She's a good ole worker and a good ole pal

Em D D/F# Em

15 miles on the Erie Canal

G D

We've hauled some barges in our day

Em D

filled with lumber, coal and hay

Em D C9 C9/B

and we know every inch of the way

Em D D/F# Em D

from Albany to Buffalo

### CHORUS

G D

Low bridge, everybody down

Em D

Low bridge, cause we're coming to a town

Em D C9 C9/B

And you'll always know your neighbor You'll always know your pal

Em D D/F# Em

If you ever navigated on the Erie Canal

### V2

We'd better look around for a job ole gal

15 miles on the Erie Canal

'Cause you bet your life I'd never part with Sal

15 miles on the Erie Canal

Get up there, mule, here comes a lock

We'll make Rome 'bout 6 o'clock

One more trip and back we'll go

right back home to Buffalo

CHORUS

GUITAR SOLO

CHORUS