

# UTPICK (OOKPIK) WALTZ

1965

Frankie Rodgers

Chord symbols: G, D, C, Em, C, G, Em, C, D, C, G, Em, C, Bm, Am, C, Em, Bm, Am, C, Em, D.

Markings: Fine, 3 last time, D.C. al Fine.

**end with A1 last time**

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Many folks played and recorded this tune for years thinking it was an old traditional waltz. I first heard the folk-processed version above from fiddler Freeman Corey, Jr. of Orwell, VT. But it was composed by a fiddler from Western Canada, Frankie Rodgers. "The Ookpik is a small arctic owl that the native people believe carries the spirit from this world to the next when they die. It is also believed to be a harbinger of snowstorms and blizzards." Frankie Rodgers, 8-8985 Shook Road, RR #4, Mission, BC, V2V 7M8, Canada. Frankie has recorded this on *Maple Sugar*, and it's also been recorded by Altan, Boys of the Lough and Jay Ungar, among many other groups.