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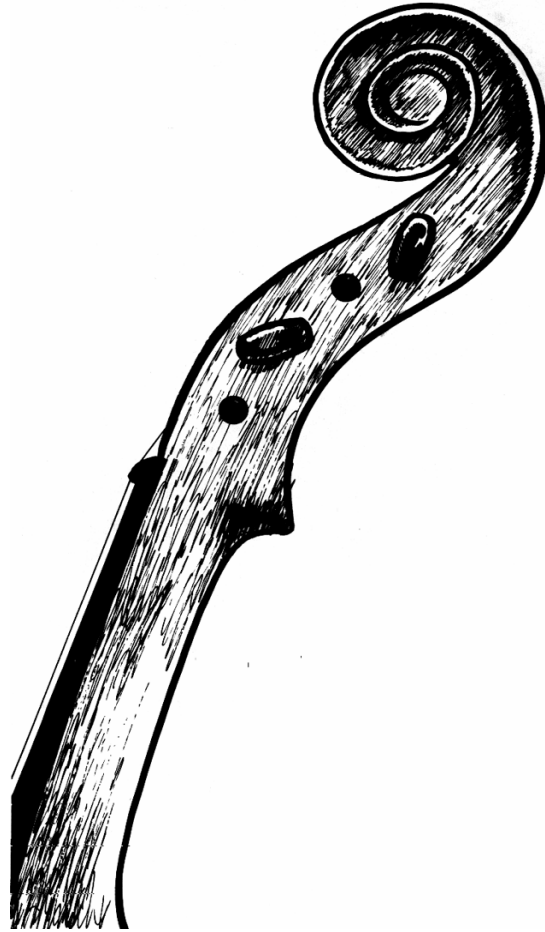
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In Music Notation and Mandolin Tablature

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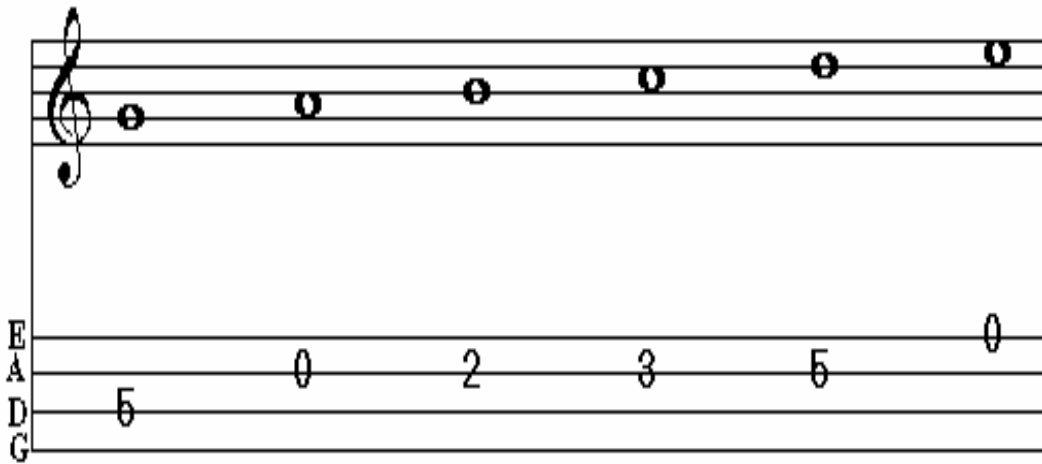
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Introduction

This book is a collection of common old time fiddle tunes. These are tunes you will hear played at many Bluegrass and Old Time music jams. The tunes collected here in Volume 1 are designed for beginning and intermediate level players. Volume 2 of this series are more advanced versions.

The tunes are written in standard music notation and mandolin tablature. Each instrument plays the same notes. This way, both instruments can learn the same version of the tune and play them easily together.

The standard music notation is on the top staff and the mandolin tablature is on the bottom staff.



The mandolin tablature (sometimes abbreviated *tab*) represents the four string pairs on the mandolin. When you see a number, it means play that string at that fret. Thus, in the tablature above, the first note is 5 on the D string. That means play the fifth fret on the D string. If you have any trouble reading standard music notation or mandolin tablature, I suggest purchasing one of the good instruction books on the market.

Some tunes are very easy, some more difficult. When learning each tune, play through the music slowly, and fiddlers, closely watch the bow directions!

I would appreciate any comments you may have on this book. Drop me a line at the address on the next page.

Thank you and good music to all.

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Amazing Grace

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

D

V

G

D

2 0 4 4 2 0 4 2 2

This system contains the first two measures of the piece. The top staff is a fiddle line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is a mandolin tablature line with fret numbers 2, 0, 4, 4, 2, 0, 4, 2, 2. Chord diagrams for D, V, G, and D are shown above the staff.

A

0 4 4 0 0 0 4

This system contains measures 3 and 4. The top staff has a slur over the last two notes of measure 4. The bottom staff has fret numbers 0, 4, 4, 0, 0, 0, 4. A chord diagram for A is shown above the staff.

D

G

D

0 4 0 2 4 0 2 2

This system contains measures 5 and 6. The top staff has a slur over the last two notes of measure 6. The bottom staff has fret numbers 0, 4, 0, 2, 4, 0, 2, 2. Chord diagrams for D, G, and D are shown above the staff.

A

D

0 4 4 2 0 0

This system contains measures 7 and 8. The top staff has a slur over the last two notes of measure 8. The bottom staff has fret numbers 0, 4, 4, 2, 0, 0. Chord diagrams for A and D are shown above the staff.

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Arkansas Traveler

Traditional

Fiddle

D G A D A

Mandolin Tablature

D G A D A D

Mandolin Tablature

D G D A D A D A

Mandolin Tablature

D G D A D A D

Mandolin Tablature

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The Ash Grove

Traditional

Fiddle

G Em Am D Em C G D G

Mandolin Tablature

G Em Am D Em

G D A D G Em Am

D Em C G D G

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Bill Cheatum

Traditional

Fiddle

A D

Musical notation for the first system of the fiddle part, including a treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature. The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes with various ornaments. Above the staff, the chords 'A' and 'D' are indicated. Below the staff is a mandolin tablature line with fret numbers: 0 4 | 2 4 4 0 2 | 4 2 0 4 2 0 4 2 | 0 5 5 | 0 2 0 5 2 0 5 0 4.

Mandolin Tablature

A D E A

Musical notation for the second system of the fiddle part. Above the staff, the chords 'A', 'D', 'E', and 'A' are indicated. Below the staff is a mandolin tablature line with fret numbers: 2 4 4 0 2 | 4 2 0 4 2 0 2 4 | 5 4 5 0 2 4 5 2 | 0 5 2 4 0.

A D E A D A E

Musical notation for the third system of the fiddle part. Above the staff, the chords 'A', 'D', 'E', 'A', 'D', 'A', and 'E' are indicated. Below the staff is a mandolin tablature line with fret numbers: 5 2 0 4 0 5 2 5 2 5 4 0 2 4 5 5 2 0 4 0 5 2 4 5 2 0 4 0 4 2 5 2.

A D E A E A

Musical notation for the fourth system of the fiddle part. Above the staff, the chords 'A', 'D', 'E', 'A', 'E', and 'A' are indicated. Below the staff is a mandolin tablature line with fret numbers: 0 4 0 5 2 5 2 5 4 0 2 4 5 0 2 5 4 7 4 5 2 0 5 4 0 2 4 0.

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Billy in the Lowground

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Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

Mandolin Tablature

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Blackberry Blossom

Traditional

Fiddle

E
A
D
G

Mandolin Tablature

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Boil Them Cabbage Down

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is a Fiddle staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth-note patterns. Above the staff are four chord diagrams for A, D, A, and E. The bottom staff is a Mandolin Tablature staff with four lines, showing fret numbers for each string. The notes correspond to the fiddle staff: 4 4 4 4 4 4 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 4 4 4 4 4 4 | 2 2 2 2 2 2.

This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The top staff continues the fiddle melody with eighth-note patterns. Above the staff are five chord diagrams for A, D, A, E, and A. The bottom staff shows the corresponding mandolin fret numbers: 4 4 4 4 4 4 | 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 4 4 4 2 2 2 | 0 0 0 0 0 0.

This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The top staff features a slower fiddle melody with quarter notes. Above the staff are four chord diagrams for A, D, A, and A. The bottom staff shows the corresponding mandolin fret numbers: 2 0 | 4 0 | 2 0 | 2 4 5 2.

This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The top staff continues the fiddle melody with quarter notes. Above the staff are five chord diagrams for A, D, A, E, and A. The bottom staff shows the corresponding mandolin fret numbers: 2 0 | 4 0 | 4 4 4 2 2 2 | 0 0 0 0 0 0.

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Cherokee Shuffle

Traditional

Fiddle

Fiddle staff with notes and chords A and F#m. The staff shows a sequence of notes with accents and slurs, corresponding to the chords indicated above.

Mandolin Tablature

Mandolin tablature staff with notes and chords D, A, E, A. The staff shows a sequence of notes with accents and slurs, corresponding to the chords indicated above.

Mandolin tablature staff with notes and chords D, A, D. The staff shows a sequence of notes with accents and slurs, corresponding to the chords indicated above.

Mandolin tablature staff with notes and chords A, D, A. The staff shows a sequence of notes with accents and slurs, corresponding to the chords indicated above.

Mandolin tablature staff with notes and chords F#m, E, A. The staff shows a sequence of notes with accents and slurs, corresponding to the chords indicated above.

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Cold Frosty Morning

Traditional

Fiddle

Am G

Mandolin Tablature

Am G Am

A G E

Am C Dm E Am G Am

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Cripple Creek

Traditional

Fiddle

A D A

Mandolin Tablature

E A

A

E A

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Devil's Dream

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

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Eighth of January

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

Mandolin Tablature

Mandolin Tablature

Mandolin Tablature

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Fire on the Mountain

Traditional

Fiddle

Musical notation for the first system. The fiddle staff shows a melody in G major with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The mandolin tablature below it consists of four measures: 4 5 | 0 2 0 5 4 0 4 5 | 0 5 0 2 0 4 5 | 0 2 0 5 4 2 0 4 | 2 0 2 4 0 4 5.

Mandolin Tablature

Musical notation for the second system. The fiddle staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The mandolin tablature consists of four measures: 0 2 0 5 4 0 4 5 | 0 5 0 2 0 4 5 | 0 2 0 5 4 2 0 4 | 2 0 2 4 0.

Musical notation for the third system. The fiddle staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The mandolin tablature consists of four measures: 4 5 | 0 2 0 5 4 2 0 4 | 2 0 2 0 4 0 4 5 | 0 2 0 5 4 2 0 4 | 2 0 2 4 0.

Musical notation for the fourth system. The fiddle staff continues the melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The mandolin tablature consists of three measures: 4 5 | 0 2 0 5 4 2 0 4 | 2 0 2 4 0.

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Fisher's Hornpipe

Traditional

Fiddle

D G D G D G D A

0 4 5 0 4 0 5 2 0 5 4 0 4 0 5 2 0 5 4 0 4 0 5 2 0 5 4 7 5 4 2 0 4

Mandolin Tablature

D G D G A D

5 0 4 0 5 2 0 5 4 0 4 0 5 2 0 5 0 2 4 5 0 2 3 0 2 5 7 4 5

A D A E A

4 5 7 4 0 4 0 2 3 0 2 5 0 5 2 5 3 2 0 4 0 4 0 2 3 2 0 5 4 2 0 5 3

G D G A D

2 5 0 5 2 4 5 2 0 4 0 4 7 0 5 0 2 5 4 2 0 5 4 2 0 5 0 4 0

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Flop Eared Mule

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

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Forked Deer

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The Girl I Left Behind Me

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

Mandolin Tablature

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Golden Slippers

Fiddle

D Traditional A

Mandolin Tablature

D

D G

A 1. D

2. D V

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Growling Old Man, Grumbling Old Woman

Traditional

Fiddle

Am G Am E Am

E
A
D
G

Mandolin Tablature

5 4 2 5 2 5 2 4 0 4 7 4 0 4 7 5 2 5 2 5 2 5 0 2 3 0 2 3 0 5 2 5

Am G Am E Am

2 5 2 5 2 5 2 4 0 4 7 4 0 4 7 5 2 5 2 5 2 5 0 2 3 0 2 3 0

0 4 A G A E A

0 2 0 5 4 5 0 2 3 2 0 5 2 2 5 0 2 0 5 4 0 4 5 0 5 7 5 0 2

V A G Am E Am

3 2 0 5 4 5 0 2 3 2 0 5 2 2 5 3 2 3 2 0 5 2 7 5 2 0 5 2

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June Apple

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Fiddle

E
A
D
G

Mandolin Tablature

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Liberty

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

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Mason's Apron

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

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Muddy Roads

Traditional

Fiddle

G D

0 2 | 5 5 0 2 5 0 2 | 5 5 0 2 5 0 2 | 5 5 0 2 5 0 2 | 3 2 0 | 5 4 0 0 2

Detailed description: This system shows the first four measures of the fiddle part. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The notes are: Measure 1: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; Measure 2: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; Measure 3: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; Measure 4: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The tablature below the staff shows the fret numbers for each string.

Mandolin Tablature

G D

5 5 0 2 5 0 2 | 5 5 0 2 5 0 2 | 5 5 0 2 5 0 2 | 3 2 0 | 5 4 0

Detailed description: This system shows the first four measures of the mandolin part. The notes are: Measure 1: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; Measure 2: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; Measure 3: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4; Measure 4: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4. The tablature below the staff shows the fret numbers for each string.

A D

2 5 2 0 | 5 0 2 | 3 2 0 | 5 4 0 | 4 5 4 2 0 2 4 | 5 2 0 | 5 4 0

Detailed description: This system shows the fifth and sixth measures of the fiddle part. The notes are: Measure 5: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4; Measure 6: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4. The tablature below the staff shows the fret numbers for each string.

A D

2 5 2 0 | 5 0 2 | 3 2 0 | 5 4 0 | 4 5 4 2 0 2 4 | 5 2 0 | 5 4 0

Detailed description: This system shows the fifth and sixth measures of the mandolin part. The notes are: Measure 5: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4; Measure 6: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4. The tablature below the staff shows the fret numbers for each string.

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Old Joe Clark

A Traditional E

Fiddle

E
A
D
G

Mandolin Tablature

A E A

A G

A E A

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Over The Waterfall

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

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Red Apple Rag

Traditional

Fiddle

G C

E
A
D
G

Mandolin Tablature

D G D G

G C

D G D G

Red Haired Boy

Fiddle

Traditional

A D A G

Mandolin

A D A E A

Em D A G

A D A E A

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Rites of Man

Fiddle

Em Traditional D

Mandolin Tablature

5 0 2 3 0 2 5 7 4 5 2 4 5 0 2 0 2 3 2 0 5 7 5 3 2 3 2 0 0 5 0

Em B7 Em

2 3 0 2 5 7 4 5 2 4 5 0 2 0 2 3 2 0 5 2 3 2 3 2 0 2 2

Em D

3 5 7 5 3 2 0 2 3 5 7 5 3 2 0 3 2 3 0 2 5 0 2 3 5 2 5 2 5 3 2

Em B7 Em

0 2 2 2 3 2 5 2 7 2 5 2 3 0 2 3 2 0 5 2 3 2 3 2 0 2 2

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