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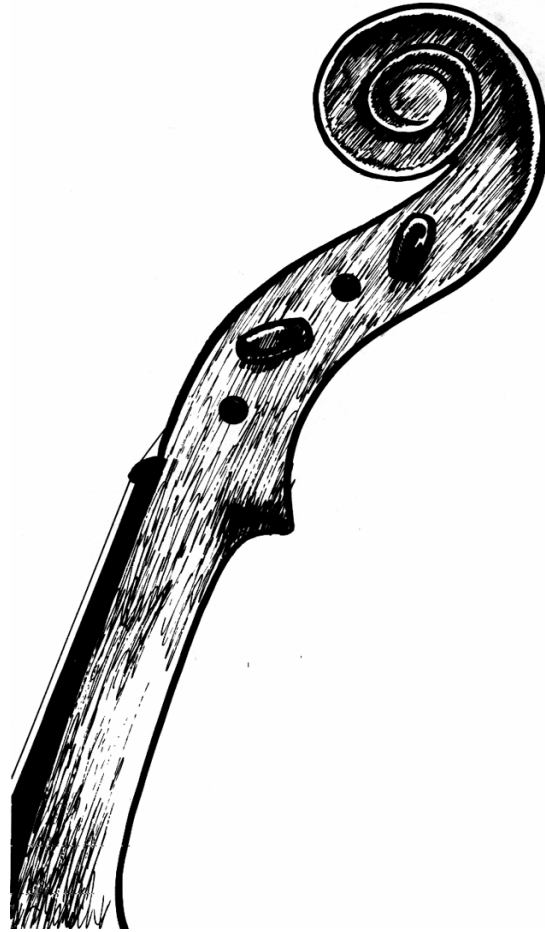
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In Music Notation and Mandolin Tablature

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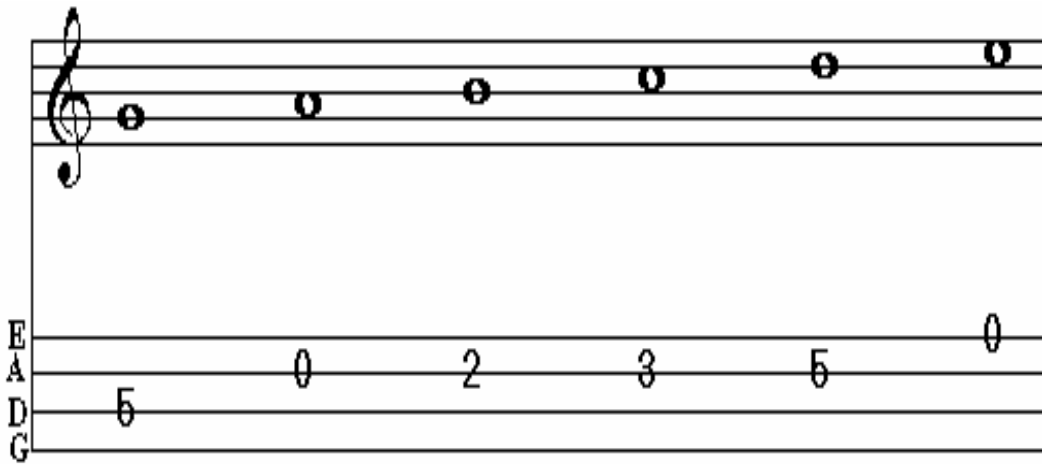
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# Introduction

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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Collecting and transcribing tunes and solos has been a hobby of his for years. At the suggestion of students and friends, Pete founded Petimar Press in 1994 to publish some of his collections. A list of available publications is at [www.petimarpres.com](http://www.petimarpres.com), or contact Pete:

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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 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 with two lines. Chord diagrams for D, G, and D are shown above the staff. The tablature numbers are 2, 0, 4, 4, 2, 0, 4, 2, 2.

A

0 4 4 0 0 4

This system contains the next two measures. The top staff has a chord diagram for A above the second measure. The tablature numbers are 0, 4, 4, 0, 0, 4.

D G D

0 4 0 2 4 0 2 2

This system contains the next two measures. The top staff has chord diagrams for D, G, and D above the first, third, and fifth measures respectively. The tablature numbers are 0, 4, 0, 2, 4, 0, 2, 2.

A D

0 4 4 2 0 0

This system contains the final two measures. The top staff has chord diagrams for A and D above the second and fourth measures respectively. The tablature numbers are 0, 4, 4, 2, 0, 0.

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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

Chords: G, Em, Am, D, Em, C, G, D, G

Musical notation for fiddle in G major, 3/4 time. The staff shows a sequence of notes with bowing directions (V for up-bow, ▭ for down-bow). The notes are: G4 (V), A4 (▭), B4 (V), A4 (▭), G4 (V), F#4 (▭), E4 (V), D4 (▭), C4 (V), B3 (▭), A3 (V), G3 (▭), F#3 (V), E3 (▭), D3 (V), C3 (▭), B2 (V), A2 (▭), G2 (V), F#2 (▭), E2 (V), D2 (▭), C2 (V), B1 (▭), A1 (V), G1 (▭).

Mandolin Tablature

Chords: G, Em, Am, D, Em

Musical notation for mandolin in G major, 3/4 time. The staff shows fret numbers for each note. The notes are: G4 (2), A4 (3), B4 (5), A4 (2), G4 (3), F#4 (5), E4 (7), D4 (5), C4 (3), B3 (2), A3 (3), G3 (0), F#3 (2), E3 (3), D3 (5), C3 (3), B2 (2), A2 (0), G2 (2), F#2 (5), E2 (0), D2 (2), C2 (3).

Chords: G, D, A, D, G, Em, Am

Musical notation for mandolin in G major, 3/4 time. The staff shows fret numbers for each note. The notes are: G4 (2), A4 (0), B4 (5), A4 (0), G4 (5), F#4 (5), E4 (4), D4 (5), C4 (0), B3 (5), A3 (2), G3 (5), F#3 (5), E3 (3), D3 (2), C3 (5), B2 (5), A2 (5), G2 (0), F#2 (3), E2 (2), D2 (0), C2 (5).

Chords: D, Em, C, G, D, G

Musical notation for mandolin in G major, 3/4 time. The staff shows fret numbers for each note. The notes are: D4 (4), C4 (0), B3 (0), A3 (5), G3 (2), F#3 (0), E3 (5), D3 (3), C3 (2), B2 (5), A2 (2), G2 (0), F#2 (5), E2 (4), D2 (5).

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# Bill Cheatum

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Fiddle

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# Billy in the Lowground

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# Blackberry Blossom

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# Boil Them Cabbage Down

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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 three chord diagrams for A, D, 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 for the first system with chords D, A, E, and A. The tablature shows fret numbers on a six-line staff, with a repeat sign at the beginning and end.

Mandolin tablature for the second system with chords D, A, and D. The tablature shows fret numbers on a six-line staff, with a repeat sign at the beginning and end.

Mandolin tablature for the third system with chords A, D, and A. The tablature shows fret numbers on a six-line staff, with a repeat sign at the beginning and end.

Mandolin tablature for the fourth system with chords F#m, E, and A. The tablature shows fret numbers on a six-line staff, with a repeat sign at the beginning and end.

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# Cold Frosty Morning

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Fiddle

Am G

Mandolin Tablature

Am G Am

A G E

Am C Dm E Am G Am

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# Cripple Creek

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Fiddle

A D A

Mandolin Tablature

E A

A

E A

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# Devil's Dream

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# Eighth of January

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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

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# Forked Deer

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# The Girl I Left Behind Me

Traditional

Fiddle

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# Golden Slippers

Fiddle

Traditional

Mandolin Tablature

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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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# Liberty

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# Mason's Apron

Traditional

Fiddle

Mandolin Tablature

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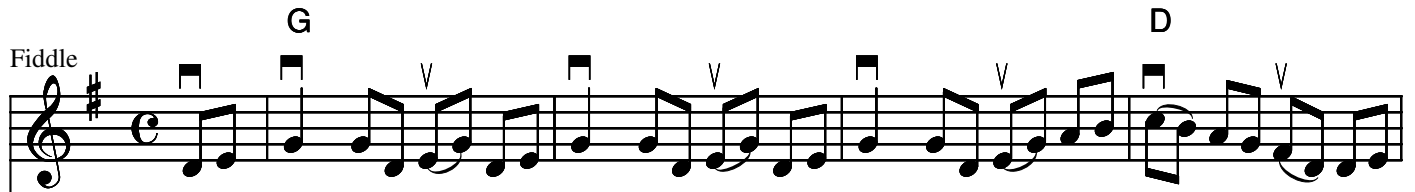
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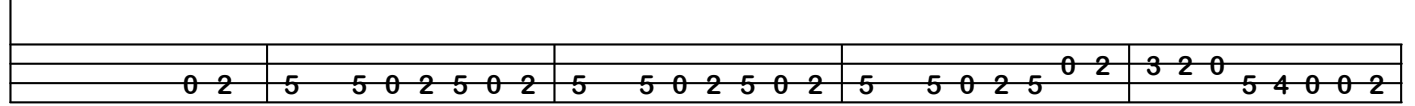
# Muddy Roads

Traditional

Fiddle

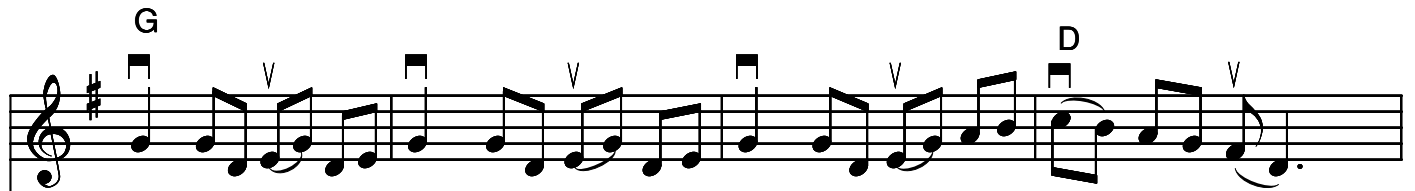


Musical notation for Fiddle part 1, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes with various ornaments. Chords G and D are indicated above the staff.

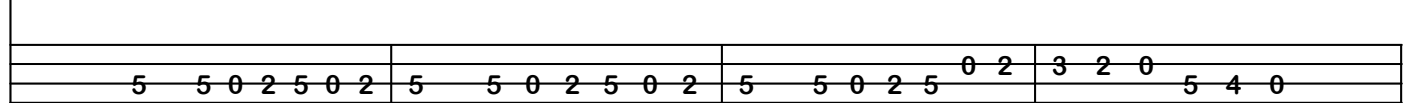


Mandolin tablature for Fiddle part 1, showing fret numbers on a six-line staff. The sequence of fret numbers is: 0 2 | 5 5 0 2 5 0 2 | 5 5 0 2 5 0 2 | 5 5 0 2 5 0 2 | 3 2 0 | 5 4 0 0 2

Mandolin Tablature



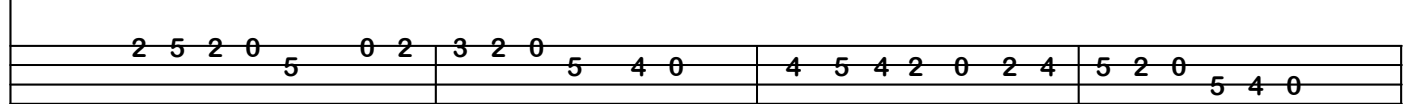
Musical notation for Fiddle part 2, continuing the melody with similar ornamentation and chord markings G and D.



Mandolin tablature for Fiddle part 2, with fret numbers: 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



Musical notation for Fiddle part 3, introducing a new melodic phrase with chord markings A and D.



Mandolin tablature for Fiddle part 3, with fret numbers: 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



Musical notation for Fiddle part 4, repeating the melodic phrase from part 3 with chord markings A and D.



Mandolin tablature for Fiddle part 4, with fret numbers: 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

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# Old Joe Clark

A Traditional E

Fiddle

E  
A  
D  
G

Mandolin Tablature

A E A

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

A G

0 0 0 4 4 4 | 0 5 5 4 4 4 | 0 0 0 4 0 0 | 5 5 5 5 5 5

A E A

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

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# Over The Waterfall

Traditional

Fiddle

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# Red Apple Rag

Traditional

Fiddle

G C

E  
A  
D  
G

Mandolin Tablature

D G D G

D G D G

G C

G C

D G D G

D G D G

# Red Haired Boy

Fiddle

Traditional

A D A G

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

Mandolin

A D A E A

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

Em D A G

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

A D A E A

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

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# Rites of Man

Fiddle

Em Traditional D

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Mandolin Tablature

Em B7 Em

Em D

Em B7 Em

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