

Learn to Play Fiddle with the Top 10 Fiddle Tunes... in Tab Charts

Dear Fiddler,

These tunes were originally listed in *The Grassometer* as the Top Ten Fiddle/Banjo tunes played at Bluegrass gatherings. They are also found in the Top 20 Tunes published by *Fiddler* magazine. **So you know that they belong in your repertory!**

I use them in my teaching. Many new students do not read standard musical notation. But even the youngest students can master the tab charts. Of course, the students do the easiest ones first—*Shortnin' Bread, Ida Red*. Then, I introduce new technique as we go along—just like Suzuki!

This pdf file began a project to help new fiddlers get started fast and easy, wherever they are. Even if they can't find a fiddle teacher. Now they can with my new instruction video: *Learn How to Play Fiddle in One Lesson*.

If you like this system of notating tunes, you'll like *43 Fiddle Tunes in Tab*. In addition to these top 10, it has many from the Top 20 of the *Fiddler* magazine survey. There are many of the most popular Irish session tunes, also.

For more information about this crystal clear method for learning fast and easy, see the last page.

Yours truly,

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PS. Details of how to use tab charts, bow and finger the violin, and much more, are all on the video.

Bilem Cabbage Down

A

E				
A	2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3 3 3	2 2 2 2 2 2	1 1 1 1 1 1
D				
G				

E				
A	2 2 2 2 2 2	3 3 3 3 3 3	2 2 2 1 1 1	0 0 0 0 0 0 .
D				.
G				

B

E	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	
A	.	2 2	2 2	2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1
D	.			
G				

E	0 0 0 0			
A		2 2	3 3 3 3 3 3	2 2 2 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 .
D				.
G				

Note: This is the single string version. The double string, (or double stop), version is in the advanced tunes section.

Cripple Creek

A

E	3 3 3 3	1 1 0 0 0	⌢	
A	2 2	3	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	0 0 0
D				1 2 2
G				

E	3 3 3 3	1 1 0 0 0	⌢	
A	2 2	3	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	0 0 0
D				1 2 2
G				

B

E	⌢	0 0 0	⌢	
A	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	2 2 2	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	0 0 0
D				1 2 2
G				

E	⌢	0 0 0	⌢	
A	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	2 2 2	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	0 0 0
D				1 2 2
G				

B₁

Advanced variation

E	⌢	0 0 0	⌢	
A	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	2 2 2 / 4 4 4	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	0 0 0
D				1 2 2 / 4 4 4
G				

E	⌢	0 0 0	⌢	
A	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	2 2 2 / 4 4 4	2 2 2 2 1 0 0	0 0 0
D				1 2 2 / 4 4 4
G				

Old Joe Clark

A

	L								L																
E	0	1	1	2	1	1	0							0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
A							3	3	2	0	0														
D																									
G																									

	L																						
E	0	1	1	2	1	1	0																
A							3	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
D																							
G																							

B

E							0												
A	.	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	.																		
G																			

E							0																
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
D																							
G																							

Mississippi Sawyer

A

	L												L											
E	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
A																								
D																								
G																								

1st

	L																								
E	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	⌢						1	2								
A										3	3	3	2	2	2	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3		.
D																									.
G																									

2nd Ending

E	⌢												1					
A	3	3	3	3	0	2	.	3			3		0	1	3	3	3	3
D							.											
G																		

E	0	0	⌢						0	1	1	1	1	
A	2		2	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	2	3		3
D														
G														

1st Ending

2nd Ending

E	⌢			1	⌢						1	2												
A	0	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	0	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	0	2	.	3	3	3	3
D																				.				
G																								

Blackberry Blossom

L L

E	2	4	2	1	3	1	0	2	0	3	1	0	1
A										3	1	0	0
D												3	1
G													

L L 1st Ending

E	2	4	2	1	3	1	0	2	0	3	1	0	0	1
A										3	1	0	0	1
D												3	1	3
G														

2nd Ending

E														
A	1	1	0				1	3	4	3	1	3	1	0
D			3	3	2		1	1	1					2
G														

L

E													
A	1	3	4	3			2	1	0			1	3
D	1	1	1						3	2	2	3	
G													

(2nd time)

E														(0 1)
A	1	3	1	0	1	0			0	1	0			
D						2	0		1	2	3		3	1
G														0

Bill Cheatum

A

E 2 2 0 1 2 1 2 3 2 1 0 H 0 1 1 1 0

A 1 2 3 3 3 3 1 0

D 1 3 2

G

E 2 2 0 1 2 1 2 3 2 1 0 2 0 1 2 3 2

A 1 3 2 3

D 1

G

1st Ending

2nd Ending

E 3 1 0 3 1 0 3 1 0 0 3 1 1 3

A 2 0 2 0 2 0

D 2 0

G

H

E 2 2 4 3 0 1 3 3 1 3 1 0 3 1

A 1 0 2 0 1 2

D

G

H

E 0 0 3 1 1 3 2 2 4 3 0 1 3 3 1 3 1 0

A 2

D

G

1st Ending

2nd Ending

E 3 1 1 0 2 1 0 1 0 2 1 0

A 1 0 2 1 0 2 0

D 2 0

G

Red Haired Boy

E		0 1 0	0	
A	0 0 1 2 3	2 3 2 3	0 0 1 2 0	1
D	1			3 3 3 2
G				

E	0 1 0	0 3 3 4 3 2 0	
A	0 0 1 2 3	2 3 2 3	3 2 0 0 0
D	1		2 0
G			

1st Ending

E	0 1	2 1 0 1 2 3 2 1	2 1 0	0
A	2 0 0 0		2 3 2 3	0 0 1 2 0
D				
G				

2nd Ending

E		0 1 0	0 3 3 4 3 2 0
A	1	0 0 1 2 3	2 3 2 3
D	3 3 3 2	1	
G			

E	0 1		
A	2 0 0 0	2 0 0 0	2 0 0 0
D		2 0	
G			

1st Ending 2nd Ending Last Ending

Salt River

This system shows the first two measures of the piece. The E string has a natural harmonic at the 12th fret. The A string has notes 0, 1, 0, 0, 0 in the first measure and 1, 0, 1, 2, 3 in the second. The D string has notes 1, 3 in the first measure and 3, 3, 3 in the second. The G string has natural harmonics at the 12th fret in both measures.

This system shows the next two measures. The E string has a natural harmonic at the 12th fret. The A string has notes 0, 1, 0 in the first measure and 0, 1, 0, 0, 0 in the second. The D string has notes 3, 1, 1, 0 in the first measure and 1, 3 in the second. The G string has natural harmonics at the 12th fret in both measures.

This system shows the next two measures, including a double bar line. The E string has notes 2, 1, 0 in the first measure and 3, 3, 3, 0, 2 in the second. The A string has notes 3, 2, 1, 0 in the first measure and 0, 1, 0, 0, 0 in the second. The D string has notes 3, 1, 3 in the first measure and 0 in the second. The G string has natural harmonics at the 12th fret in both measures.

This system shows the next two measures. The E string has notes 3, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 0, 0 in the first measure and 0, 2, 2, 2 in the second. The A string has notes 1, 3 in the first measure and 3, 3, 3, 3 in the second. The D string has notes 1, 3 in the first measure and 1, 3, 3, 3 in the second. The G string has natural harmonics at the 12th fret in both measures.

This system shows the next two measures. The E string has notes 3, 3, 3, 0, 2 in the first measure and 3, 2, 3, 4, 3, 0, 1, 2, 1, 0 in the second. The A string has notes 0 in the first measure and 3, 2, 1, 0 in the second. The D string has notes 1, 3 in the first measure and 3 in the second. The G string has natural harmonics at the 12th fret in both measures.

This system shows the final two measures. The E string has a natural harmonic at the 12th fret. The A string has notes 0, 1, 0, 2, 1 in the first measure and 0, 1, 0 in the second. The D string has notes 1, 3 in the first measure and 1, 3, 2, 0 in the second. The G string has natural harmonics at the 12th fret in both measures.

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