**Converting abc’s to Sheet Music**

Depending on your platform (pc, tablet), operating system, there are a variety of onboard applications and apps that can be downloaded (or have been downloaded in the past, and are carefully treasured.) Imo making generalized app/application recommendations would therefore be foolhardy, though I might take a try at it with individuals, in person.

Online, it is a different story. I’ve found that the following sites will allow you to copy/paste in an entire abc file, click once to test-view it **as sheet music**, and click again to generate **a pdf to download**. Every abc file I’ve uploaded into my abctunes folder has been tested in the first one. (In the first one, be sure you select png not svg in the drop-down; otherwise the chord names may not show up.)

<http://mandolintab.net/abcconverter.php> << As of June 12, 2023 broken Switch to

<https://editor.drawthedots.com>

or

<https://colinhume.com/music.aspx#>

or

[https://www.montrealsession.ca/editor.php](https://www.montrealsession.ca/editor.php%20%20and%20plug%20in%20your%20abc%20file%20w/%20all%20the%20extra%20fields.%20%20%20Immediately%20see%20everything%20rendered.%20%20Click%20pdf%20button%20to%20get%20and%20save%20or%20print%20a%20pdf.%20%20%20For%20this%20one,%20to%20get%20the%20text%20lines%20into%20the%20.pdf%20(even%20though%20they%20show%20fine%20if%20rendered%20onscreen),%20%20you%20have%20to%20paste%20in%20at%20top%20of%20abc%20window%20the%20_secret_incantation_%20%20%20%3C%3C%3C%3C%20%%writefields%20HONSZ%20(or%20HONSZ)%20%20%20%3C%3C%3C%3C)

In the montrealsession converter there’s a trick you have to know to get the extra text lines - notes, history etc - to appear in a saved or printed pdf as they originally rendered in the output music window inside the web-page. In the input window, AFTER you’ve pasted in the abc file, put in a new-line containing

%%writefields HONSZ

**And pls remember** My own site’s abc files are provided for scholarly purposes, a “fair use”. For modern tunes w/ a known author (ie not “public domain”), if you start using any tune for commercial publication, recordings, or big-concert performances, you are still responsible for getting whatever copyright permissions, and paying any royalties, that are required.