Dusty Strings Second Sunday Jam Tune Book

This tunebook contains tunes commonly played at the Dusty Strings Second Sunday old-time jam in Seattle, where "commonly" means "played more than twice since I've been keeping records". It is almost certainly missing a few commonly-played tunes which haven't been transcribed yet. For the full logs of what's been played, see http://slowerthandirt.org/tune-list/

I am trying to make fresh transcriptions of all these tunes, but in some cases I have cribbed from a previously-published book. Usually I will have made some minor changes to those tunes to reflect more closely how they're played at the jam, and I have included attribution notes for tunes I didn't transcribe by ear. My intent is to eventually replace any transcriptions borrowed from books with transcriptions entirely my own. This is a work in progress.

These transcriptions are mostly stripped-down versions suitable for learning the basic tune, not exact transcriptions of any particular performance. As such, they should definitely not be used as a canonical source of how any tune "should" sound. Add your own variations, search out YouTube videos and recordings, and learn from other players in your area how they play it. The goal of this tunebook is to be descriptive, not prescriptive.

Tools used in the preparation of this tunebook include abcm2ps, EasyABC and LATEX. The idea came from Paul Hardy's tunebooks at http://www.pghardy.net/concertina/tunebooks/. There is a GitHub repository of files which should (with some modification) be sufficient for you to create your own set of tunebooks at https://github.com/rj120/abc-tunebook

The current version of this tunebook as well as other collections I've prepared, in both ABC and PDF formats, is available at http://slowerthandirt.org/tunebooks/ – check the version in the page footers against the version listed on the site before downloading a new copy.



Commonly-played tunes missing from this tunebook:

- Bill Cheatham
- Cripple Creek
- Sally Anne
- Wild Rose of the Mountain
- Cold Frosty Morning
- Chinky-Pin
- Faded Love
- Lost Indian
- Pig Ankle Rag
- Possum's Tail is Bare
- Sleeping Giant Two-Step
- Soldier's Joy in 3/4
- Tennessee Waltz
- Old French
- Ragtime Annie
- Emma's Waltz
- Elmer's Waltz
- Leather Britches
- Prettiest Girl in the County
- Me and My Fiddle
- Road to Batoche

Tunes By Key

Key of A dor Cluck Old Hen	Soldier's Joy10Spotted Pony10St. Anne's Reel11Whiskey Before Breakfast12Wind That Shakes The Barley, The13
Key of A mix	
Old Joe Clark7Red Haired Boy8Sandy Boys9	
Key of Am Eva's Polka	Key of Dm^c Carnival Polka
Key of D	Key of E dor
Angeline the Baker 1 Arkansas Traveler 1	Swallowtail Jig
Buffalo Gals	Key of G
Liberty	Girl I Left Behind Me, The5Red Wing9Turkey in the Straw12

Tunes By Title

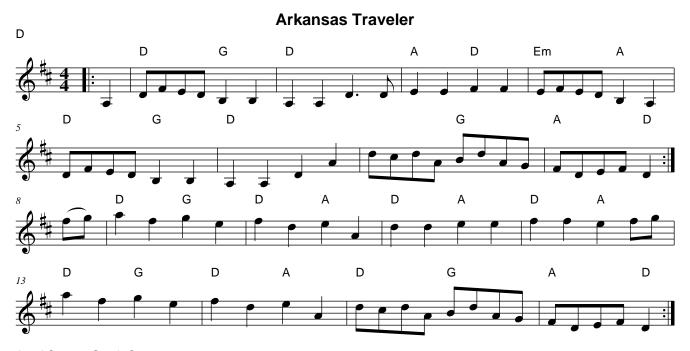
Angeline the Baker (D)	Over the Waterfall (D)
Arkansas Traveler (D)	Paddy On the Handcar (A dor)
Buffalo Gals (D)	Red Haired Boy (A mix)
Carnival Polka (Dm^c)	Red Wing (G)
Cluck Old Hen (A dor)	Sandy Boys (A mix)
Come Home With the Girls in the Morning (D dor)	Soldier's Joy (D)10
3	Spotted Pony (D)10
Eva's Polka (Am)4	St. Anne's Reel (D)
Fisher's Hornpipe (D)4	Swallowtail Jig (E dor)
Girl I Left Behind Me, The (G)5	Turkey in the Straw (G)
Liberty (D)5	Whiskey Before Breakfast (D)
Midnight on the Water (D)	Wind That Shakes The Barley, The (D) 13
Moon and Seven Stars (D)6	
Old Joe Clark (A mix)7	

Angeline the Baker



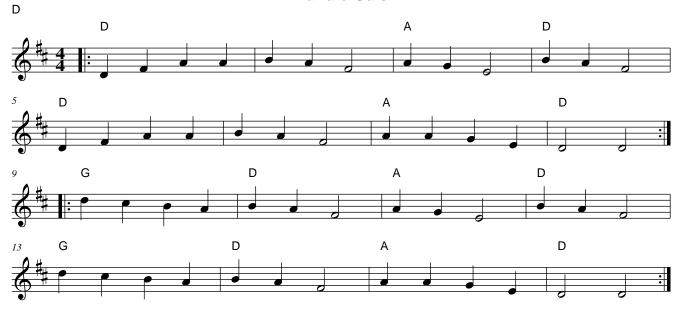
Written Source: Complete Tractor, p.5

More than half the people I encounter play this tune in the reverse order of the two parts shown. The tune derives from Steven Foster's "Angelina Baker." My reading of the original is that this order is closest to the original, for what that's worth. Also, I like the V chord at the end of each part as shown, but this is for you to decide yourself. -- G.S.



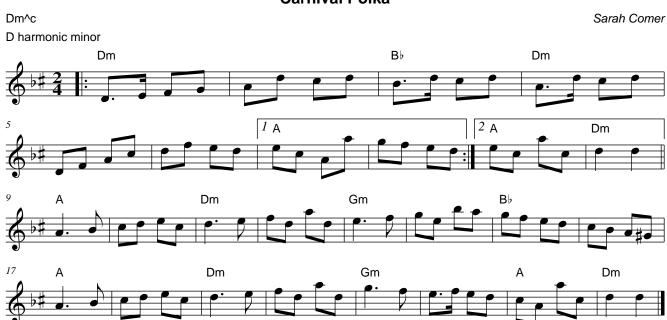
Aural Source: Sarah Comer

Buffalo Gals



Written Source: Sarah Comer, Dusty Strings dance band class.



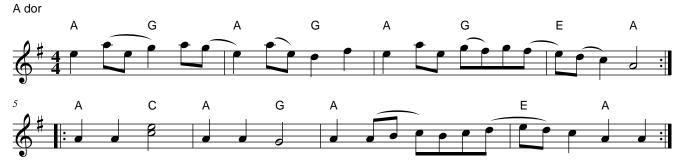


Aural Source: Learned at the Dusty Strings Jam on 2013/07/14.

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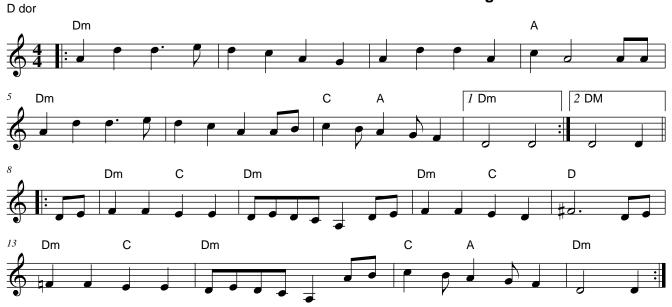
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Cluck Old Hen



Written Source: Fiddler's Fakebook, p.70

Come Home With the Girls in the Morning

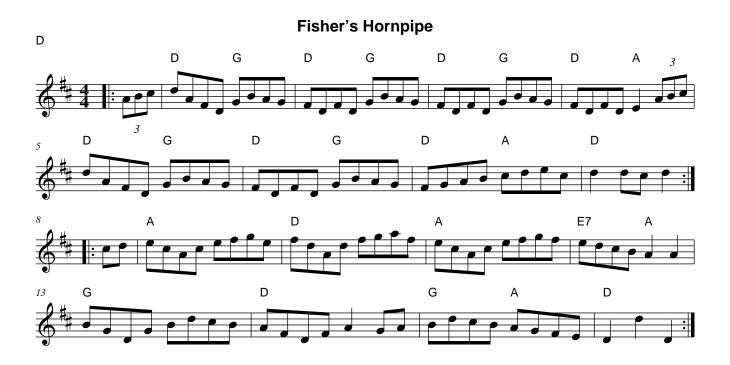


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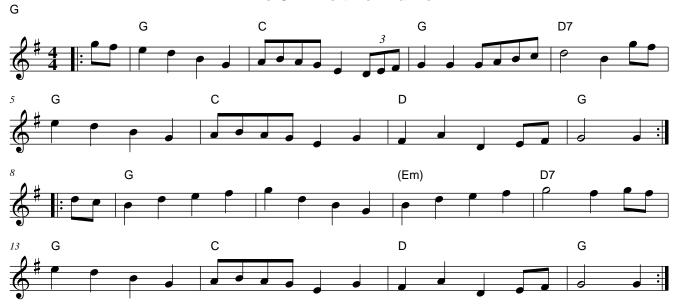
Eva's Polka



Written Source: Sarah Comer, Dusty Strings dance band class.



The Girl I Left Behind Me



I like the Em, but that's probably more of a contra-ish thing than old-time.

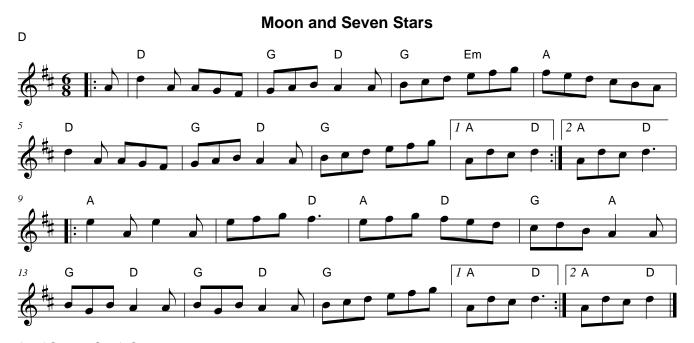


Aural Source: Dusty Strings jam?



Written Source: The Waltz Book, p.35 $\,$

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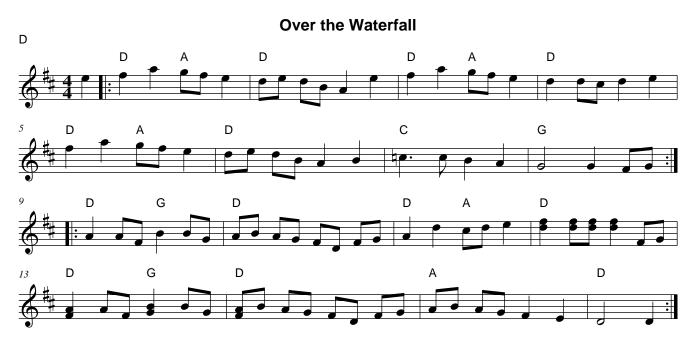


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Old Joe Clark



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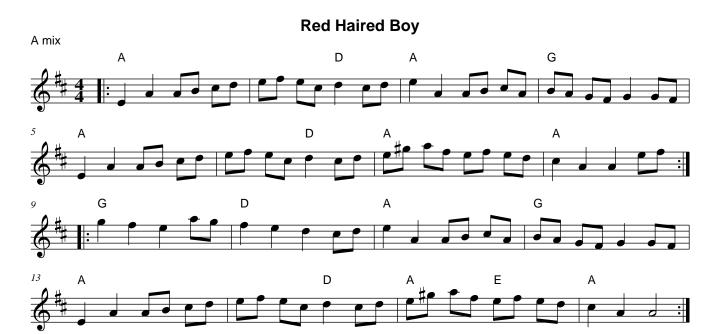


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Paddy On the Handcar

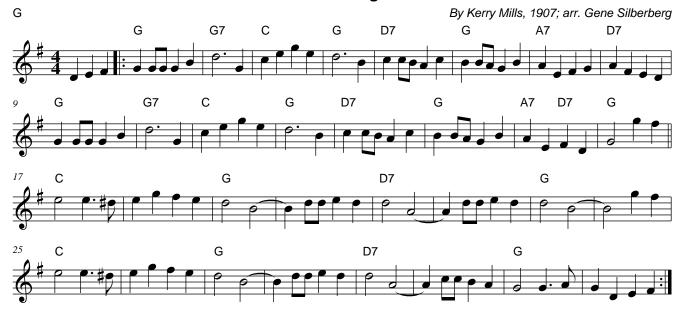


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Red Wing

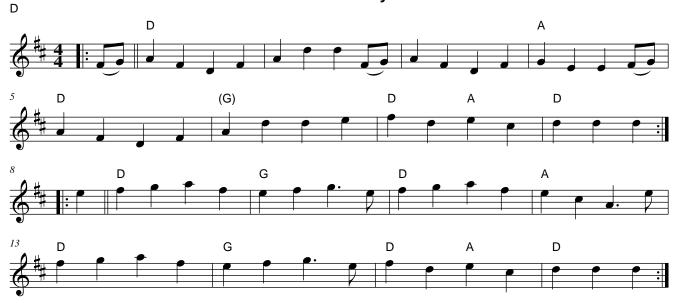


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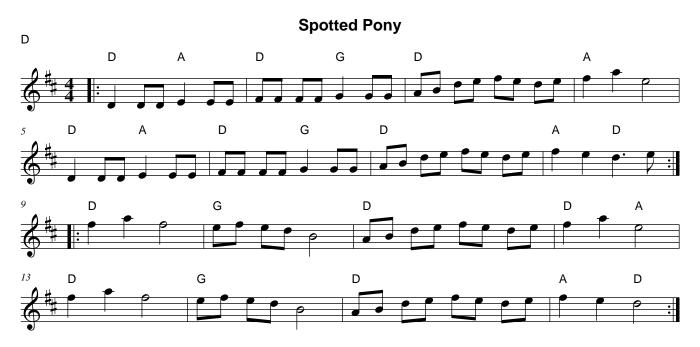


Written Source: Complete Tractor, p.172 Chords from Sarah Comer

Soldier's Joy



Aural Source: Sarah Comer



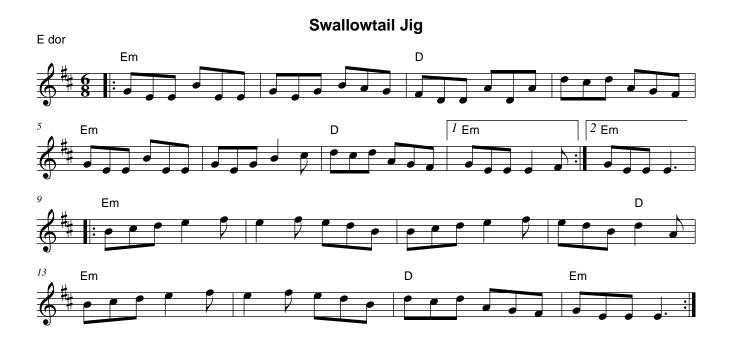
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Bobby Taylor, who I learned roughly this version from, plays the high part first.

St. Anne's Reel



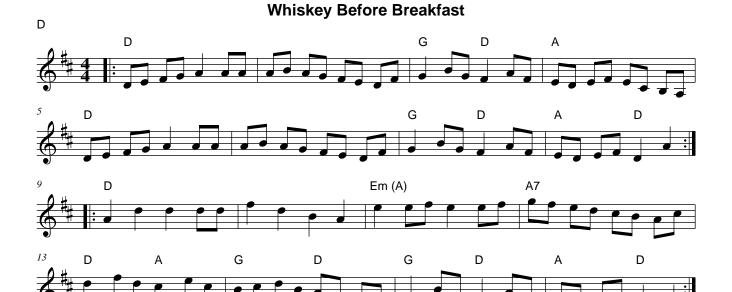
Written Source: Complete Tractor, p.184



Turkey in the Straw



Written Source: Sarah Comer, Dusty Strings dance band class.



Written Source: Complete Tractor, p.210

The bluegrassers all play that E minor chord in measure 11, but most old time backup players just play A.

The Wind That Shakes The Barley



Aural Source: As played at Slower Than Dirt