

Tune of the Month: Sailor's Hornpipe

This tune, sometimes called College Hornpipe, goes back at least to the 1790's, when it was first published in England. It later became famous as the theme music for the "Popeye, the Sailorman" cartoons. For a very high octane version, listen to Mark O'Connor/Edgar Meyer/Yo Yo Ma do it on Youtube, or on their CD "Appalachia Waltz."

Sailors Hornpipe

Traditional

The image displays a musical score for the traditional tune "Sailors Hornpipe". It is arranged for Fiddle and Mandolin. The score is organized into four systems, each with a fiddle staff on top and a mandolin staff below. The mandolin staff includes both a standard musical notation and a numerical tablature. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/4. The fiddle part uses various bowing techniques indicated by 'V' (vibrato) and '4' (fourths). The mandolin part uses fret numbers 0-7. Chord symbols G, C, D, and A are placed above the fiddle staff to indicate the harmonic structure. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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