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Steve Martin - The Crow: New Songs For The Five-String Banjo



Synopsis

(Homespun Tapes). Steve Martin is a comedian, novelist, screenwriter, actor and many other things, but his first love is the banjo. His recent hit CD, *The Crow*, features 15 original tunes in both clawhammer and Scruggs style. This book of tablature, accurately transcribed by Tony Trischka, is a great learning tool for aspiring players. Also includes an introduction and tuning notes from Tony. Contents: Daddy Played the Banjo * Pitkin County Turnaround * Hoedown at Alice's * Late for School * Tin Roof * Words Unspoken * Pretty Flowers * Wally on the Run * Freddie's Lilt * Saga of the Old West * Clawhammer Medley * Calico Train * Banana Banjo * Blue River Waltz * The Crow.

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For a quick summary of what you get: There are 4 tabs with vocals, 11 instrumentals. The CD has 16 cuts, but that includes both a vocal (Mary Black!) and an instrumental version of Calico Train. Seven are in open G tuning (gDGBD) -occasionally capoed up, four are in Open D (aDF# AD), two in à œD tuningâ • (aDGBG) and one each in G modal (gDGCG) and C modal (gDGCD). The book states that C modal is also known as à œdouble Câ •. However, double Câ • gets its name because two strings are tuned to C: the fourth and second (gCGCD). There are an even dozen tunes with up-picking (à œScruggs styleâ •) and three with fracting Daddy Played the Banjo (in G tuning capoed up to A), Late for School (in open G tuning), and Clawhammer Medley (in open D tuning). In the CD liner notes Steve is credited with à œall the fracting and most of the Scruggs style Banjo, Vocal on track 4 [Late For School]; Earl Scruggs is credited with à œbanjo on tracks 1

[Daddy Played Banjo] and 7 [Pretty Flowers]•; Tony Trischka is credited with the banjo on tracks 8 [Wally on the Run]. 15[The Crow]•; Pete Wernick is credited with the 2nd chair banjo on tracks 6 [Words Unspoken] and 7 [Pretty Flowers]• and John McEuen is credited with the Guitar, Banjo, Bowed Guitars, Efx, Mandolin on tracks 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 16•. Steve mentions that coincidentally there are words to this song [Words Unspoken], written by Pete Wernick and myself, but that will be for later exposure•; when I looked on the internet, there were a lot of websites for Words Unspoken, but none of them had the words•. Note: In case you didn't notice while listening to the CD, the clawhammer tunes are not your granddad's the bump-ditty•.

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