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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 "D tuning" (aDGBG) and one each in G modal (gDGCG) and C modal (gDGCD). The book states that C modal is also known as "double C". However, double C gets its name because two strings are tuned to C: the fourth and second (gCGCD). There are an even dozen tunes with up-picking ("Scruggs style") and three with frailing 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 "all the frailing and most of the Scruggs style Banjo, Vocal on track 4 [Late For School]; Earl Scruggs is credited with "banjo on tracks 1

[Daddy Played Banjo] and 7 [Pretty Flowers]â •; Tony Trischka is credited with â œbanjo on tracks 8 [Wally on the Run]. 15[The Crow]â •; Pete Wernick is credited with â œ2nd chair banjo on tracks 6 [Words Unspoken] and 7 [Pretty Flowers]â • and John McEuen is credited with â œGuitar, Banjo, Bowed Guitars, Efx, Mandolin on tracks 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 16â •. Steve mentions that â œincidentally there are words to this song [Words Unspoken], written by Pete Wernick and myself, but that will be for later exposureâ •; when I looked on the internet, there were a lot of websites for Words Unspoken, but none of them had the wordsi•œ.Note: In case you didnâ™t notice while listening to the CD, the clawhammer tunes are not your granddadâ™s â œbump-dittyâ •.

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