

## August 2024 Twin Cities Ukulele Club Challenge

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**Playing fiddle tunes on a ukulele is fun!** — Don't you have to have a fiddle to have fiddle tune jams? **No!** I led fiddle tune jams for well over a decade, and the number of times we actually had fiddles at the fiddle tune jams was well less than a single hand's worth of fingers. Fiddle tunes initially came from fiddles, but they are played on guitars, mandolins, banjos, penny whistles, dulcimers, basses, ukuleles and more. I led 95% of the twice a week fiddle tune jams on a guitar. I now play them both on ukuleles and mandolins. Here is James Hill playing a couple of fiddle tunes on a ukulele — [www.youtube.com/watch?v=yieeRs2w-MU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yieeRs2w-MU). At some jams, there is a mix of fiddle tunes and roots music songs. (Songs have lyrics, tunes generally do not. Old Joe Clark is an exception.) This mix of songs and tunes at roots jams is extremely common. And, a fiddle tune jam can be either bluegrass style or old-time style. Your homework is to find out the difference between the two styles.

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**Your August 2024 Challenge Songs/Tunes are fiddle tunes and a song.** Here they are - <https://www.bluegrassfun.com/tab-4-songs--tunes.html>. There are TAB and "how to" videos for each on that webpage. **For sure, do the first two items before trying anything else.**

1. **Do This First** — How To Play Ukulele From TAB
2. **Listen to Tune/Song** — Fiddle Tunes by Key
3. Fiddle tune **Old Joe Clark**,
4. Fiddle tune **Over the Waterfall**
5. Fiddle tune **Soldier's Joy**
6. Song **Eight More Miles to Louisville** - There is even a version with NO chords, so you can learn the song really well. Great warmup!

**IMPORTANT** - **After the video opens, click the back arrow to return to the page with all the links.**