

## Continue to work on fiddling on your own!

Well, you can't be at "camp" all the time. When you're home, you're on your own to advance your playing and explore the world of old time music and fiddlers. Here are some tools to make that exploration easier and fun.

First of all, purchase the Amazing Slow Downer (software) (or any software that slows audio without changing the pitch, retunes a track to the cent, and enables precise looping of the section you're working on). Then you can learn whatever you can find at the tempo that works for you.

[www.ronimusic.com](http://www.ronimusic.com)

Next, please acquire (for free) Youtube to MP3 converter software. This will allow you to rip audio from a Youtube video and download it to your computer/device. Then you can work with it using the Amazing Slow Downer!

[www.mediahuman.com](http://www.mediahuman.com)

There are many databases of old-time fiddle music accessible online. Here's one of my favorites to get you started.

[www.slippery-hill.com](http://www.slippery-hill.com)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) is also a GREAT resource not to be overlooked!

With a little research you'll find databases at academic institutions as well.

You will likely also want to purchase great recordings from places such as these:

[www.fieldrecorder.org](http://www.fieldrecorder.org)

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The Document Record Store

Then, last but not least, learning to fiddle is like learning to speak. You have to hear the language. A lot! So do listen to great fiddlers as often as you can. (And watch them closely when you can.) Here's a list of many of my inspirations ... by no means complete, but these names will lead you on the trail. You can find them on Youtube, CDs, and elsewhere. Have fun.

### **Young**

Tatiana Hargreaves

Roger Netherton

Mitch Depew

Laurel Premo

Grace Forrest

Stephanie Coleman

MJ Epps

Leo Shannon

Riley Calgano

Nokosee Fields

### **A little older**

Sammy Lind (Foghorn)

Rayna Gellert

David Bragger

Reis Jones

Joe Decosimo

### **My generation**

Bruce Molsky

Dan Gellert

Brad Leftwich

Rafe Stefanini

Mike Bryant

Pete Sutherland

### **Now gone**

Benton Flippen

Tommy Jarell

Kyle Creed

Ernest East

William Steppe

Luther Strong

Buddy Thomas

Fred Cockerham

Emmett Lundy

Marcus Martin