

Boil 'em Cabbage Down

This is an American folksong. Hoecakes are small cornmeal cakes that were fried in a fire on the blade of a hoe. A breakfast of hoecakes and cabbage soup was common for the African slaves who are generally associated with this song.

Lyrics

Boil 'em cabbage down, down
Bake those biscuits brown, brown
Only tune I ever learned was
Boil 'em cabbage down, down.

Tune

m m m m	f ____ f ____
m m m m	r ____ r ____
m m m m	f f f f
m m r r	d ____ d ____

Open string accompaniment

(if tune is performed on D string)

D D D D	G ____ G ____
D D D D	A ____ A ____
D D D D	G G G G
D D A A	D ____ D ____

Parents

So that you can help your child with this tune at home, here is the information you will need to help them with the fingerings. In class this week, we will be playing this tune on D string (basses have to cross up to G string for fah).

Violin and viola

f = 3 fingers

m = 2 fingers

r = 1 finger

d = 0 fingers (open string)

Cello

f = 4 fingers

m = 3 fingers

r = 1 finger

d = 0 fingers (open string)

Bass

f = 0 fingers (open G)

m = 4 fingers

r = 1 finger

d = 0 fingers (open D)