

Old Melinda

The musical score for "Old Melinda" is presented in four systems. The first system, labeled 'A', is in C Major and consists of two staves of music. The second system, labeled 'B', is in E Minor and also consists of two staves. The third system, labeled 'C', is in C Major and features a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The fourth system is a second ending for the C part, also in C Major, with two staves of music.

"Old Melinda", also known as "Malindy", "Melinda", "Old Melina" is an old-time breakdown in C Major (A part), E Minor (B part) and C Major (C part). The parts are played AABBC (Christeson), AABBC' (Beisswenger & McCann) or AABBC' (Phillips).

"Old Melinda" is one of '100 essential Missouri tunes' listed by Missouri fiddler Charlie Walden. Mid-west fiddlers start on different parts of the tune.

Nebraska fiddler Bob Walters (1889-1960) announced the tune as "Old Malindee" on his recording. It is known simply as "Malindy" in Ozark County (Lonnie Robertson introduces it as "Gonna play Malindee" on his CD). Fiddler Jesse Wallace learned the tune from Frank Waters, who called it "Muddy Water" (not the same as the "Muddy Water" collected by Samuel Bayard). It was printed in Beisswenger & McCann's **Ozarks Fiddle Music** (2008), R.P. Christeson's **Old Time Fiddlers Repertory, vol. 1** (1973), Phillips' **Traditional American Fiddle Tunes, vol. 1** (1994) and Lamancusa's **The Gettysburg Collection of Old-Time Fiddle Tunes** (2021).

It was recorded by Lymon Enloe on **Fiddle Tunes I Recall** (1973), Double Decker String Band on **Chasing Rainbows** (1996), Bob Walters on **R.B. Christeson's Old Time Fiddlers' Repertory, vol. 1** (1973), Casey Jones on **Rocky Road to Jordan** (1992), Rhythm Rats on **Pretty Crowing Chicken** Lonnie Robertson on **Lonnie's Breakdown: Classic Fiddle Music from Missouri** (1996), (Appears as "Malindy") and The Hoover Uprights on **Known for their Reputation** (2005).