

Mp3 George Fowler - Never Better: 30 Years Of Fiddling In Maine



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A satisfying compilation from a veteran fiddler of his musical conversations with almost two dozen musicians; fast dance tunes, slow airs, new compositions, traditional melodies. 14 MP3 Songs in this album (53:11) ! Related styles: FOLK: Contra Dance, FOLK: Modern Folk People who are interested in Rodney Miller Becky Tracy should consider this download. Details: When Albert Hap Collins wandered into Partridge Drug Store early one Saturday morning some 30 years ago and announced to the new pharmacist behind the counter Son, I understand you play the violin, I had no idea what adventures would unfold in the wake of my hesitant, but affirmative answer. During the ensuing Saturday night sessions in Hap Margarets kitchen I learned the fiddle standards he had played for Maine country dances in the 1930s: Redwing, Golden Slippers, Devils Dream, Soldiers Joy, Turkey in the Straw, dozens more, and ate a lot of baked beans and green tomato pickles. My fiddle journey started there and the roads Ive traveled in the ensuing decades have included countless rewarding chapters which have informed my musical life. Contra dance bands, music camps, trips to Ireland, Scotland, and the Canadian Maritimes, sessions, masters classes, concert promotions, teaching - the experiences seem unlimited and every day offers new musical opportunities. Ive never considered my playing to be of exceptional caliber (most fiddlers I know are very self-critical of their abilities), but decided the time was approaching when I should consider recording a memoir of some of my experiences. Not long ago I shared my ruminations with another musician who smiled and remarked You should get started soon, George, from here on its never going to get any better. A discouraging prognosis, perhaps, but a great album title. Thanks, Will. Here are a few highlights of my fiddling career, and Im joined by almost two dozen friends who have shared parts of that journey with me. From an old cassette of Haps fiddling to the latest incarnation of my dance band

of the past quarter-century, from tunes played on a fiddle built by my great, great grandfather to a celebration of my Welsh heritage, I hope you'll find something in this musical smorgasbord that will resonate within you.

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