

MUSIC'S *the* VERY BEST THING!

B. Black

Brightly (mm=175)

[1A] When *f* I was a young man just bare - ly thir -
[1B] (Now my) fid - dle had come from an un - cle who'd
[2A] (In my) tra - vel - ling time I learned hun - dreds of
[2B] (When the) old men passed on, there'd be tears at the
[3A] (But for) each who de - parts, there's an - o - ther ar -
[3B] (And may) God keep us safe, and our mu - sic to -

teen An old fid - dle I learned how to play I'd
died It was years since the strings were all new And the
tunes May - be one out of ten with a name My
wake Mourn - ing too for the tunes that had died We had
rived To re - ceive all the gifts han - ded down By the
night Be a prayer that he'll grant to us all That one

bring it to ses - sions in hous - es and
bow had the shape of a tin - ker's old
fin - gers were strong and the strings most - ly
learned what they let us and asked them for
young men and old and the good la - dies
bright hap - py day we're to - geth - er a -

pubs And the old men would soon let me stay E - ven
horse With most of the hair mis - sing too But it
new But the old tin - ker's bow was the same Al - ways
more But the best ones they kept deep in - side Near the
too In vil - lage and coun - ty and town May they
gain At a ses - sion in Hea - ven's best hall - Lots of

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16 **Bm** **E** **1 A**

shared a few tunes on the way! Now my
 played and the tu - ning was
 rea - dy To take all the blame!
 heart Ne - ver shar - ing their
 live In fame and re - nown!
 room for the great and the

20 **2 A** **(Chorus)** **D** **A** **E**

[1B] true!
 [2B] pride
 [3B] small!

} And I'll ne - ver for - get in my long - est of

25 **F#m** **A** **E11** **D** **E7**

years The feel - ing that mu - sic could bring God made

30 **A** **G** **D** **A**

wo - men and whi - sky And lit - tle white lambs But

34 **D** **A** **E7** **F#m**

mu - sic's the ve - ry best thing of them all Yes,

39 **Bm7** **E** **A**

mu - sic's the ve - ry best thing!