

Partial Capo Early History

I did a lot of letter-writing and organizing, and tried hard to put together a database of early partial capo recordings, and logged hundreds of tracks from as many artists as I could. My goal was to log at least the first 20

years, since there has been quite a proliferation of them in recent years that the task is essentially impossible now. Here are the first 2 pages of the “work in progress...” that I hope to see finished some day.

Artist	Title	Type	Tuning	Capo	Album	Label	Format	Year
Harvey Reid	A New Frontier In Guitar	Book	N/A	N/A	About the Third Hand Capo	Woodpecker	Book	1980
Harvey Reid	Duck Soup Guitar	Book	N/A	N/A	Children's guitar method	Woodpecker	Book	1982
Harvey Reid	The Albatross	Instrumental	Open Ab	A Minus	Nothin' But Guitar	Woodpecker	LP	1982
Harvey Reid	Wildwood Flower	Instrumental	Standard	Dulcimer E	Nothin' But Guitar	Woodpecker	LP	1982
Harvey Reid	Farewell to Tarwaithie	Instrumental	Standard	E modal	Nothin' But Guitar	Woodpecker	LP	1982
Harvey Reid	Simple Gifts	Instrumental	Standard-3	Open A	Nothin' But Guitar	Woodpecker	LP	1982
Harvey Reid	Slipped Through My Hand	Instrumental	Standard-3	Open A	Nothin' But Guitar	Woodpecker	LP	1982
Harvey Reid	I'll Fly Away	Instrumental	Standard-3	Open A	Nothin' But Guitar	Woodpecker	LP	1982
Harvey Reid	Rocky Road	Instrumental	Standard	Real E	Nothin' But Guitar	Woodpecker	LP	1982
Seth Austen	Whiskey Before Breakfast	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Appalachian Fiddle Tunes for Fingerstyle Guitar	Kicking Mule	LP	1982
Seth Austen	Arkansas Traveler	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Appalachian Fiddle Tunes for Fingerstyle Guitar	Kicking Mule	LP	1982
Harvey Reid	Sleight Of Hand	Book	N/A	N/A	Arrangements for the Third Hand Capo	Woodpecker	Book	1983
Harvey Reid	All or Nothing	Song	Standard	Drop E +1	A Very Old Song	Woodpecker	LP	1984
Harvey Reid	I Will Learn to Love You	Song	Standard-2	Esus	A Very Old Song	Woodpecker	LP	1984
Harvey Reid	A Very Old Song	Song	Standard	Esus	A Very Old Song	Woodpecker	LP	1984
Harvey Reid	Dreamer or Believer	Song	Standard	Esus	A Very Old Song	Woodpecker	LP	1984
Harvey Reid	Suite: For the Duchess	Instrumental	Standard	Esus +1	A Very Old Song	Woodpecker	LP	1984
Harvey Reid	Johnny the Fisherman	Song	Standard-2	Half Open A	A Very Old Song	Woodpecker	LP	1984
Harvey Reid	Slipped Through My Hand 2	Song	Standard-2	Open A	A Very Old Song	Woodpecker	LP	1984
Harvey Reid	Modern Folk Guitar	Book	N/A	N/A	College Folk Guitar textbook	Woodpecker	Book	1984
Chris Proctor	A Trip To Jackie's House	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Delicate Dance	Flying Fish	LP	1985
Chris Proctor	Seldovia	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Delicate Dance	Flying Fish	LP	1985
Chris Proctor	Delicate Dance	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Delicate Dance	Flying Fish	LP	1985
Tom Pirozzoli	Desert Train	Song	Standard	Esus	Ashiata & the Owl	Noumenon	LP	1985
Cosy Sheridan	The Lover's Ghost	Song	Standard	E Modal	Lord Blow the Moon Out	Fishtraks	Tape	1986
Cosy Sheridan	Southwind	Song	Standard	Esus	Lord Blow the Moon Out	Fishtraks	Tape	1986
Cosy Sheridan	Widow Of Westmoreland's Daughter	Song	Standard	Esus	Lord Blow the Moon Out	Fishtraks	Tape	1986
Cosy Sheridan	The Month Of January	Song	Standard	Esus	Lord Blow the Moon Out	Fishtraks	Tape	1986
Harvey Reid	Twilight	Song	Standard	Bottom5 +1	The Coming of Winter	Woodpecker	Tape	1986
Harvey Reid	Hunter's Moon	Instrumental	Standard-2	Esus	The Coming of Winter	Woodpecker	Tape	1986
Harvey Reid	Archibald MacDonald of Keppoch	Instrumental	Standard-2	Esus	The Coming of Winter	Woodpecker	Tape	1986
Harvey Reid	Minstre's Dream	Instrumental	Standard-2	Esus	The Coming of Winter	Woodpecker	Tape	1986
Harvey Reid	Gathering the Harvest	Song	Standard	Esus +1	The Coming of Winter	Woodpecker	Tape	1986
Harvey Reid	Old Portsmouth Town	Song	Standard	Esus +1	The Coming of Winter	Woodpecker	Tape	1986
Harvey Reid	The Gray Man	Song	Standard-1	Esus*	The Coming of Winter	Woodpecker	Tape	1986
Tom Pirozzoli	Every Minute Every Second	Song	Standard	Esus	Eyes and Footprints	Noumenon	LP	1987
Tom Pirozzoli	Bonfire At Midnight	Song	Standard	Esus	Eyes and Footprints	Noumenon	LP	1987
Tom Pirozzoli	Where Rivers Meet	Song	Standard	Esus	Eyes and Footprints	Noumenon	LP	1987
Tom Pirozzoli	Eyes And Footprints	Song	Standard	Esus	Eyes and Footprints	Noumenon	LP	1987
Tom Pirozzoli	I Love To Watch You Dance	Song	Standard	Esus	Eyes and Footprints	Noumenon	LP	1987
Tom Pirozzoli	The Evensong	Song	Standard	Esus	Eyes and Footprints	Noumenon	LP	1987
Tom Pirozzoli	And You Want To Dance	Song	Standard	Esus	Eyes and Footprints	Noumenon	LP	1987
Tom Richter	Clancy's Song	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Best Years	Aardvark	Tape	1987
Tom Richter	It All Depends On You	Song	Standard	Esus	Best Years	Aardvark	Tape	1987
Tom Richter	Ten Tower Mews	Song	Standard	Esus	Best Years	Aardvark	Tape	1987
Tom Richter	Out On This Avenue	Song	Standard	Esus	Best Years	Aardvark	Tape	1987
Chris Proctor	Morning Thunder	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	His Journey Home	Flying Fish	LP	1988
Harvey Reid	The Boatman	Song	Standard	Bottom4 @2	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988
Harvey Reid	The Lakes of Pontchartrain	Song	Standard-3	Esus	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988
Harvey Reid	April Rain	Song	Standard-3	Esus	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988
Harvey Reid	Silver Blue	Song	Standard-1	Esus	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988

Harvey Reid	Off to Adventure	Instrumental	Standard-3	Esus	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988
Harvey Reid	Midnight on the Water	Instrumental	Standard-4	Esus	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988
Harvey Reid	A Windy Grave	Instrumental	Standard-3	Esus	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988
Harvey Reid	To the Western Wind	Song	Standard-3	Esus +3	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988
Harvey Reid	Pieces of Eight	Instrumental	Standard	Esus +5	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988
Harvey Reid	Dance- The Storm is Over	Instrumental	Standard-3	Open A	Of Wind & Water	Woodpecker	CD	1988
Harvey Reid	The Albatross 2	Instrumental	Open Ab	A Minus	Solo Guitar Sketchbook	Woodpecker	CD	1989
Harvey Reid	Für Elise	Instrumental	Open Eb	E minus	Solo Guitar Sketchbook	Woodpecker	CD	1989
Harvey Reid	Suite: For The Duchess Part I-2	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Solo Guitar Sketchbook	Woodpecker	CD	1989
Harvey Reid	Suite: For The Duchess Part II-2	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Solo Guitar Sketchbook	Woodpecker	CD	1989
Harvey Reid	Suite: For The Duchess Part III-2	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Solo Guitar Sketchbook	Woodpecker	CD	1989
Harvey Reid	Highwire Hornpipe	Instrumental	Standard-3	Esus	Solo Guitar Sketchbook	Woodpecker	CD	1989
Harvey Reid	Daybreak in Dublin	Instrumental	Standard-2	Esus	Solo Guitar Sketchbook	Woodpecker	CD	1989
Harvey Reid	Cindy/Cripple Creek	Instrumental	Standard	Esus +5	Solo Guitar Sketchbook	Woodpecker	CD	1989
Harvey Reid	Slipped Through My Hand 3	Instrumental	Standard-3	Open A	Solo Guitar Sketchbook	Woodpecker	CD	1989
Chris Proctor	Restless Harbors	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Steel String Stories	Flying Fish	CD	1990
Chris Proctor	Interstate	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Steel String Stories	Flying Fish	CD	1990
Chris Proctor	Larry's Latin Leap	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Steel String Stories	Flying Fish	CD	1990
Chris Proctor	Serpentine	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Steel String Stories	Flying Fish	CD	1990
Cormac McCarthy	Nobody But You	Song	Standard	Esus	Troubled Sleep	Green Linnet	CD	1990
Cormac McCarthy	When My Boat Is Built Again	Song	Standard	Esus	Troubled Sleep	Redbird/Green Linnet	CD	1990
Cormac McCarthy	Waltz With The Captain's Daughter	Song	Standard	Esus	Troubled Sleep	Green Linnet	CD	1990
Cormac McCarthy	Empty Promises	Song	Standard	Esus*	Troubled Sleep	Green Linnet	CD	1990
Cormac McCarthy	Troubled Sleep	Song	Standard	Esus*	Troubled Sleep	Redbird/Green Linnet	CD	1990
Harvey Reid	Danny Boy	Instrumental	Standard-1	Esus	Overview	Woodpecker	CD	1990
Harvey Reid	Prelude to the Minstrel's Dream	Instrumental	Standard	Esus	Overview	Woodpecker	CD	1990
Harvey Reid	Dying A Little	Song	Standard-1	Esus	Overview	Woodpecker	CD	1990
Harvey Reid	Dreamer Or Believer 2	Song	Standard	Esus	Overview	Woodpecker	CD	1990
Harvey Reid	All Or Nothing 2	Song	Standard	Esus +1	Overview	Woodpecker	CD	1990
Harvey Reid	Cindy/Cripple Creek 2	Instrumental	Standard	Esus +5	Overview	Woodpecker	CD	1990
Harvey Reid	Chanoyu	Instrumental	Standard	Esus@4	Overview	Woodpecker	CD	1990
Tom Pirozzoli	Tibet	Song	Standard	Esus	Travels	Noumenon	CD	1990
Tom Pirozzoli	Money Isn't Time	Song	Standard	Esus	Travels	Noumenon	CD	1990
Tom Pirozzoli	Lay Your Hand Over Mine	Song	Standard	Esus	Travels	Noumenon	CD	1990
Tom Pirozzoli	Tiger Song	Song	Standard	Esus	Travels	Noumenon	CD	1990
Tom Pirozzoli	Lay Your Hand Over Mine	Song	Standard	Esus	Travels	Noumenon	CD	1990
Tom Richter	Solidarity	Song	Standard	Esus	In The Old Port	Aardvark	CD	1990
Tom Richter	In The Old Port	Song	Standard	Esus	In The Old Port	Aardvark	CD	1990
Tom Richter	Available Light	Song	Standard	Esus	In The Old Port	Aardvark	CD	1990
Don Conoscenti	Love's Shining Peace	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	Carved In Stone	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	Going To Alaska	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	When You Leave	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	When You Smile	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	Family Of Souls	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	I'm Alright	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	Could You Live	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	Too Far Gone	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	Touch The Light	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	Love And Understanding	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	It Was Only You	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Don Conoscenti	Already Miles Away	Song	Standard	Esus	Carved in Stone	Cogtone	CD	1991
Glenn Jones (Cul De Sac)	Nico's Dream	Instrumental	C G C G C D#	Bottom4 @3	Ecim	Rough Trade/Capella	CD	1991
Glenn Jones (Cul De Sac)	Death Kit Train	Instrumental	C G C G C D#	Bottom4 @5	Ecim	Rough Trade/Capella	CD	1991
Rick Watson + Jerry Short	Hurricane	Song	Standard	Esus	Different Shade of Green	Big Dunes	CD	1991
Rick Watson + Jerry Short	Different Shade Of Green	Song	Standard	Esus	Different Shade of Green	Big Dunes	CD	1991
Cosy Sheridan	Sharp Objects	Song	Standard	Bottom 5@2 +	Quietly Led	Waterbug	CD	1992
Cosy Sheridan	Too Much Time	Song	Standard	Drop C +4	Quietly Led	Waterbug	CD	1992
Cosy Sheridan	Windchimes	Song	Standard	Esus +3	Quietly Led	Waterbug	CD	1992
Don Conoscenti	Juliet	Song	Standard	Esus	Live at the Bluebird Cafe	Cogtone	CD	1992
Don Conoscenti	That's Not Love	Song	Standard	Esus	Live at the Bluebird Cafe	Cogtone	CD	1992