

GREY EAGLE TECH CHECK: ADVANCED 3RD POSITION

TECH CHECK INSTRUCTIONS: Shifting is a large part of intermediate and advanced fiddling. In order to do this, you should have mastered all of the tech checks before this. You will need to be able to 1) Keep a loose and mobile LH thumb, 2) Play with only one finger down at a time and 3) Support your instrument with a great shoulder rest and not your LH. Try these exercises as written and then by ear on every string. Another cool trick is to try playing entire simple melodies up in the third position. Shifts are often shown by "-" preceding the shifting note, as is the case here. Fingering is given to help as well. Some of the A part comes from a version of this tune I recently learned from Blaine Sprouse, who is a great contemporary fiddler and teacher.

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