

Twister

Fast

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A C C Em Em

5 C C C D Em

9 B Am Em D C D Em

13 Am Em D C D Em

The B part may be played an octave higher.

The first six measures are written to suit a left hand lead on the hammer dulcimer. Those who like to lead with the right hand may try playing as written below.

17 C C Em Em

Twister is on the CD *Love Above All*. It can be played very rapidly on dulcimer. Go faster and faster until it concludes at top speed. This tune was written for a close encounter with a weather phenomenon. It is short and simple so it can be played at a fast tempo, like its namesake. I grew up in the midwest, so tornados are nothing new. The encounter that sparked this tune occurred in April while driving across Kentucky on my way to the Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View, Arkansas. Tornados had been lighting up the radar for two days. It was very early morning west of Lexington when a small tornado appeared to the north. This was an unusual time of day for a twister, but the weather had been unusual for days. As I drove west, very slowly, I watched the tornado cross the road a quarter mile in front of me from north to south, just far enough away so that I didn't make the news. I was thankful for that and found myself humming this new tune all the way to Arkansas.