

# **OUCB Tunebook**

Curated by Matt Lenahan and Charlotte Reed September 2025

#### About this tunebook

There were a few aims in mind with this refresh: to bring in lots of staple Irish session tunes to give anyone with an interest in joining in with Oxford's thriving Irish session scene a good starting point; to introduce lots of new tunes that we can teach at rehearsals; and to maintain the spirit of previous folders with lots of 'quirkier', fun tunes (and tunes that will make great dances). The dedicated showsets section has been axed in favour of sorting these tunes into their respective tune types, to encourage more flexibility at ceilidhs, and many of the newer sets are shorter in the hopes that each tune will be played more than twice before moving on to the next. We've prioritised Irish and Scottish music above all else—there is also a taste of English, Euro, and Québécois. If you want to play more English music, the sessions in Oxford are extremely welcoming, and the tunes are (generally) very easy to pick up by ear.

We want to encourage you to continue playing tunes from the previous folder, and there's resources to find/learn even more tunes below if you're keen. Most importantly, it's very difficult to convey the music using just the dots, particularly rhythm—use the dots as a guide, but there is no substitute for listening to recordings or listening along at sessions to get the feel of the music.

Happy playing!

Matt & Charlotte

#### Resources

#### If you're looking for more tunes...

- The Session has the dots for every tune under the sun—if you ask for the name of any tune at a session, you'll be able to find it here
- Foinn Seisiún 1, 2, and 3, albums of bog-standard Irish session tunes (plus a few odd ones!)
- Fergal Scahill's Tune a Day, for recordings of 1600+ tunes on the fiddle
- irishtune.info/top-tunes, for a list of the most common Irish session tunes
- The previous iteration of the OUCB tunebook, available here
- The tunebook for the Oxford Slow Session, available at oxfordslowsession.com

#### Sessions in Oxford

- Irish and Scottish at the Half Moon, every Sunday, 8pm-late
- Irish at the Isis Farmhouse, every Friday except the 2nd of the month, 8pm-late
- The 'Bastard English' at the Isis Farmhouse, 2nd Friday of the month, 8pm-late
- Inclusive session at the Jolly Farmers, 2nd Saturday of the month, 12pm-3pm
- Open session at the Lamb and Flag, 3rd Sunday of the month, 4.30pm-8pm
- American/old time at the Star, 3rd Monday of the month, 8pm-late
- English at the Half Moon, 4th Monday of the month, 8pm-late
- Open session at the Oxford Blue, 3rd Thursday of the month, 7.30pm-late
- Scottish session at the White Hart, Wolvercote, 4th Friday of the month, 8pm-late
- Oxford slow session at the Slow and Steady, 1st Sunday of the month, 4pm-7pm
- + more listed at https://www.folkinoxford.co.uk/calendar.html

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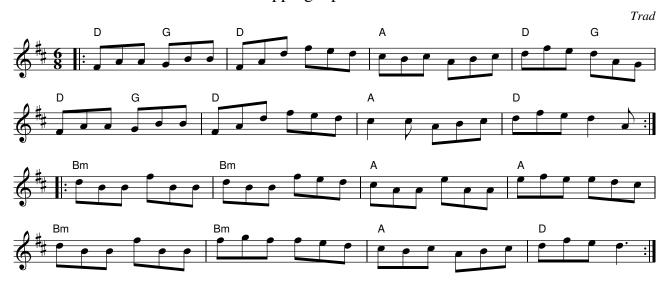
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32 bar jigs

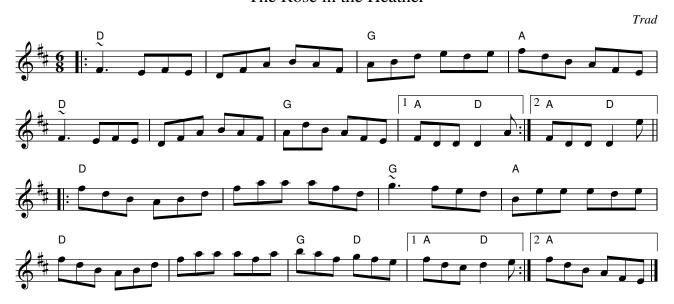
### Out On The Ocean



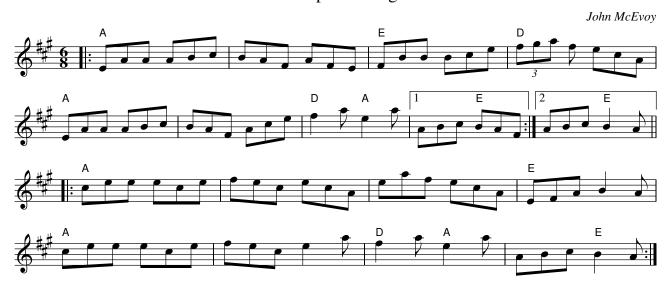
# Tripping Up The Stairs



#### The Rose in the Heather



# The Spotted Dog

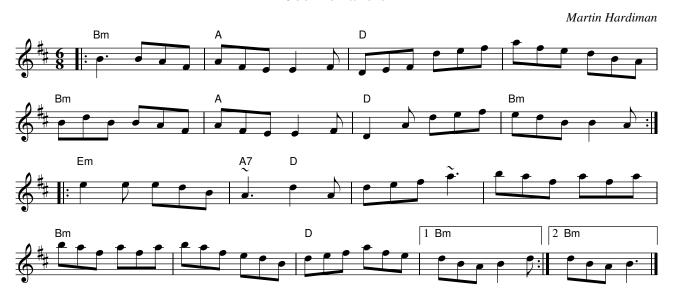


# **Nina's** 32 bar jigs

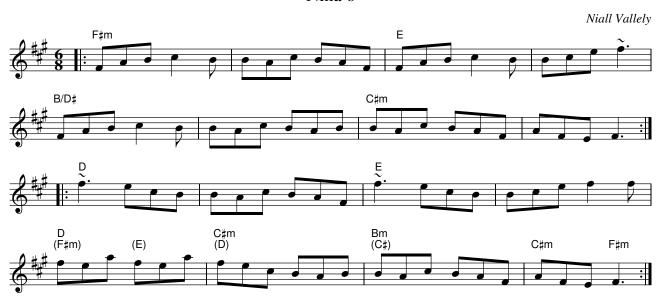
### The First Pint



#### Joe Derrane's



#### Nina's



### The Picc Line

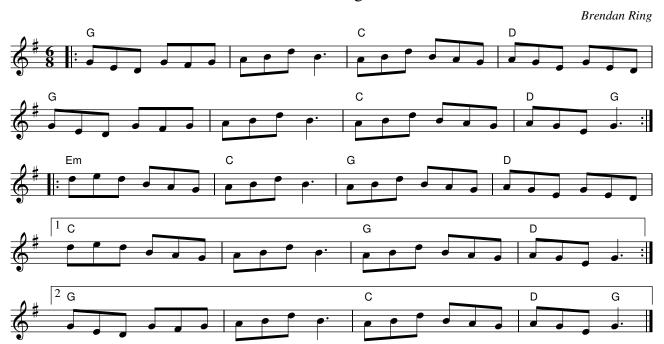


# **Basil's** 32 bar jigs

# The Soup Dragon



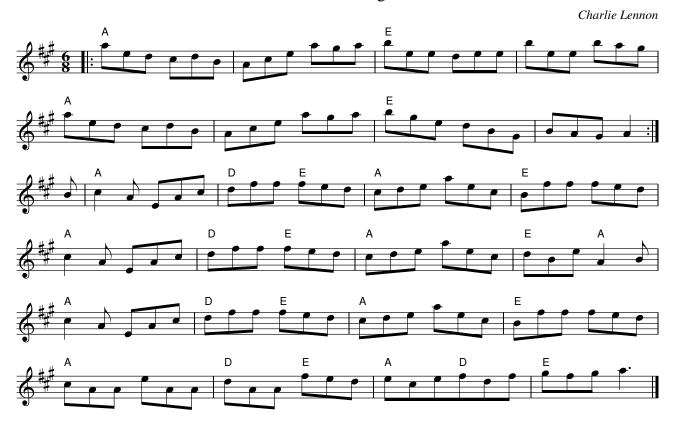
# The Lisnagun



### The Gathering

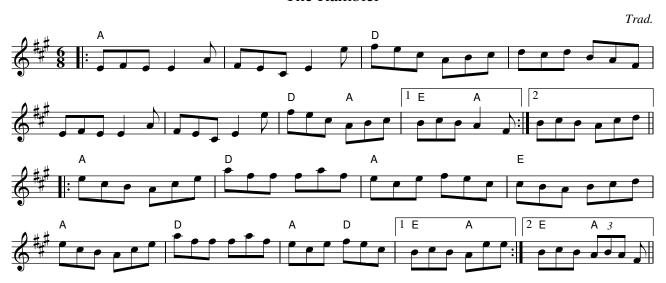


The Handsome Young Maidens



# Rambler? I 'ardly know 'er! 32 bar jigs - ML

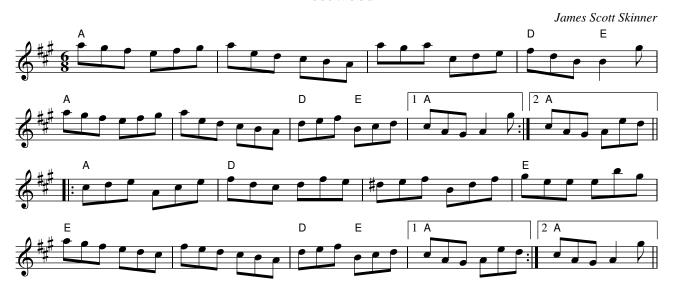
#### The Rambler



#### Health To The Ladies

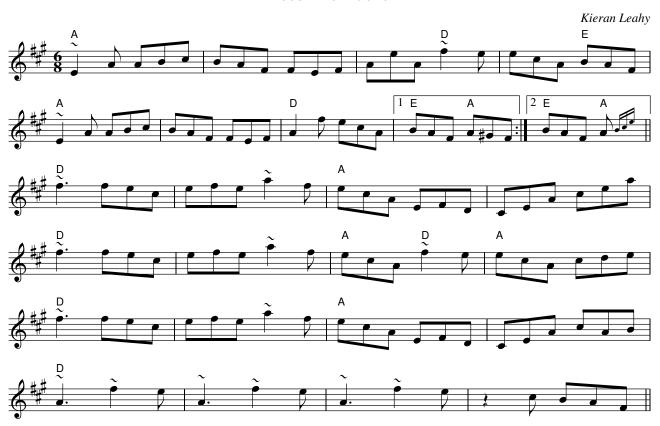


### Rosewood



# **Myra's Ducks** 32 bar jigs - ML

### Feed The Ducks



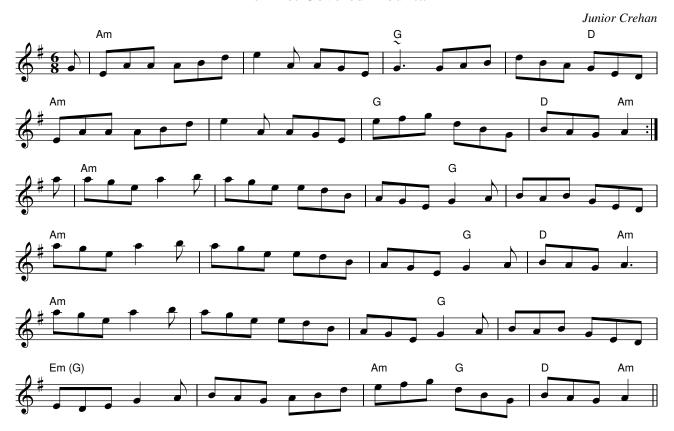
# Myra's



#### Willie's

32 bar jigs - ML

#### The Mist Covered Mountain



# Willie Coleman's



#### The Scotsman Over The Border



#### McGoldrick's



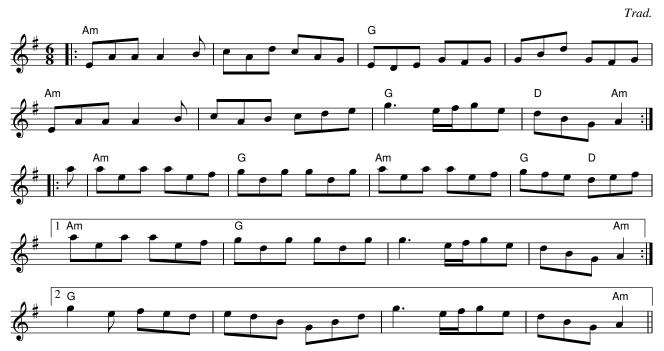
# **Not the Morgan Rattler**

32 bar jigs - ML

### The Cliffs Of Moher



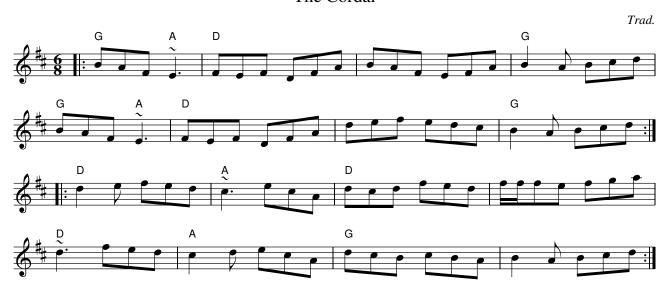
# The Nightingale



### The Banks Of Lough Gowna



#### The Cordal



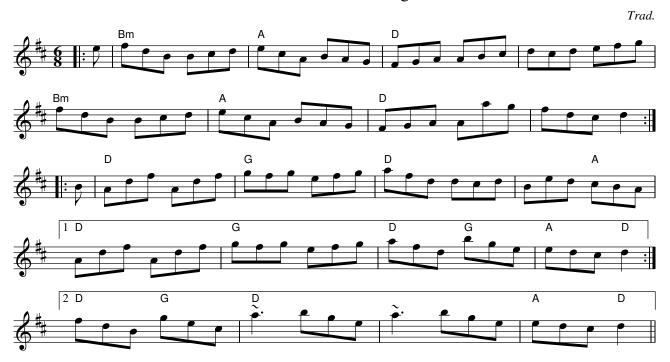
#### **The Haunted House**

32 bar jigs - ML

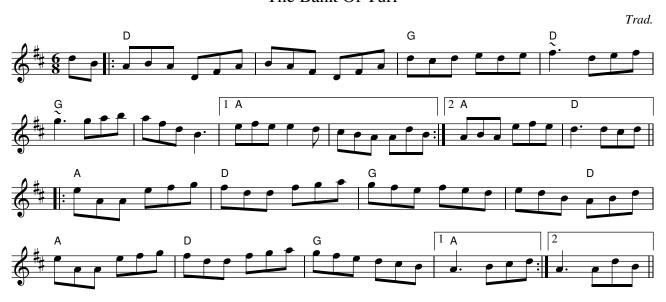
#### The Haunted House



# The Tar Road To Sligo



#### The Bank Of Turf



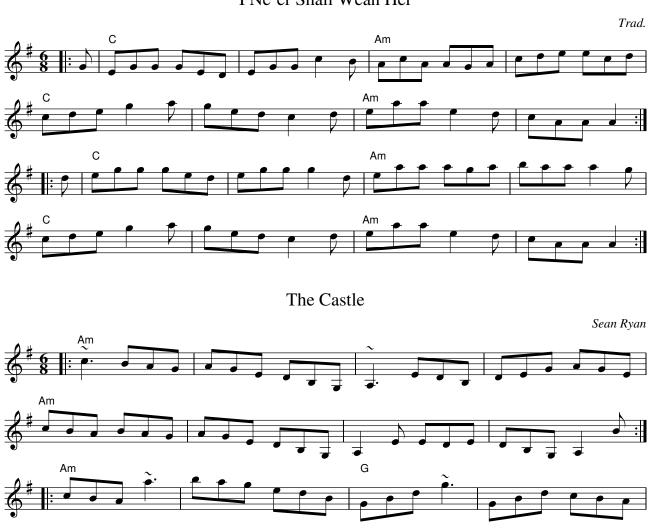
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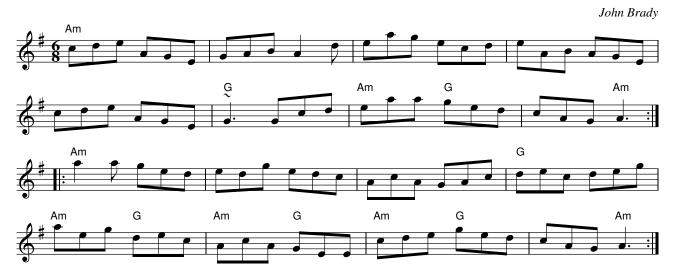
# **McIntyre's Castle**

32 bar jigs - ML

### I Ne'er Shall Wean Her



# McIntyre's Fancy



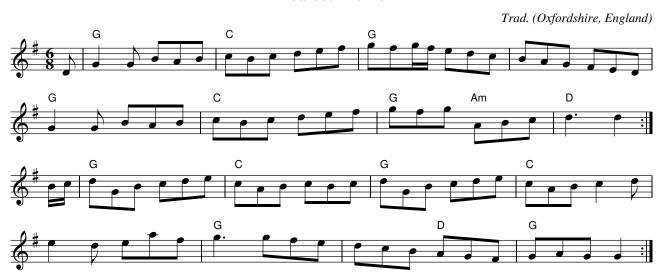
#### **Dearest Dickie**

32 bar jigs - ML

### The Oyster Girl



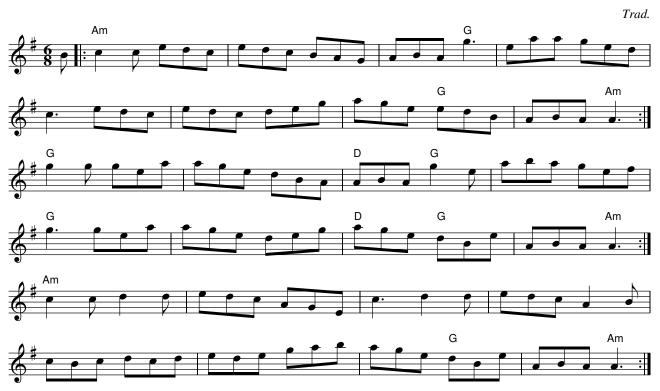
### Dearest Dickie



### **Random Notes in the Kitchen**

48 bar jigs - ML

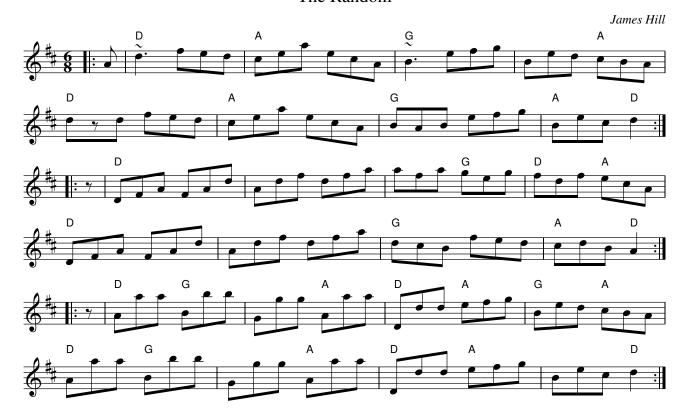
The Pipe On The Hob



#### The Cook In The Kitchen



#### The Random



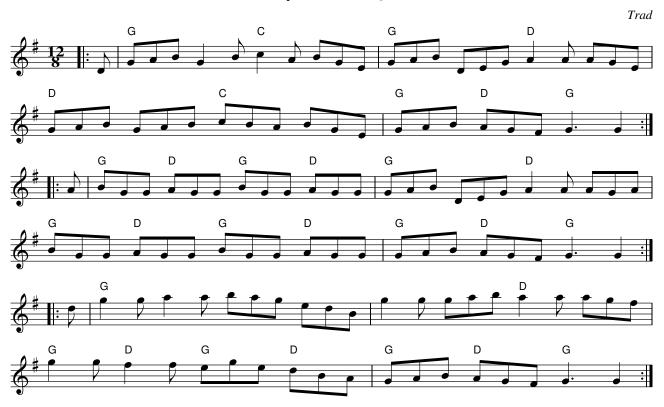
**£50 Cashback** 48 bar jig

# A Bottle Of Vodka, Twenty Marlboro Reds And £50 Cashback, Please

Fraser Shaw, Kevin O Neill, John Somerville

# Who Kissed Tommy Peoples? 48 bar jigs (ish) - ML

# Merrily Kiss The Quaker



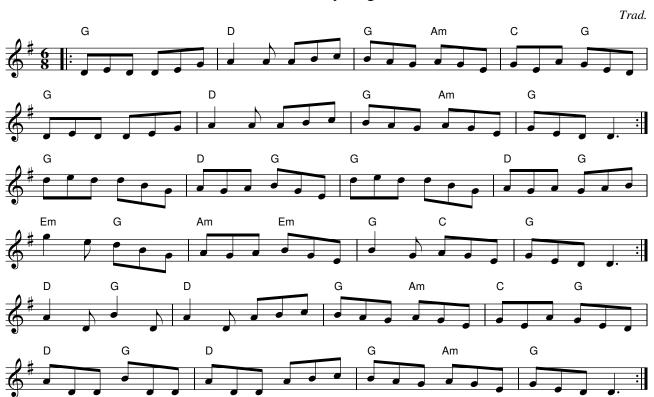
### Gráinne's



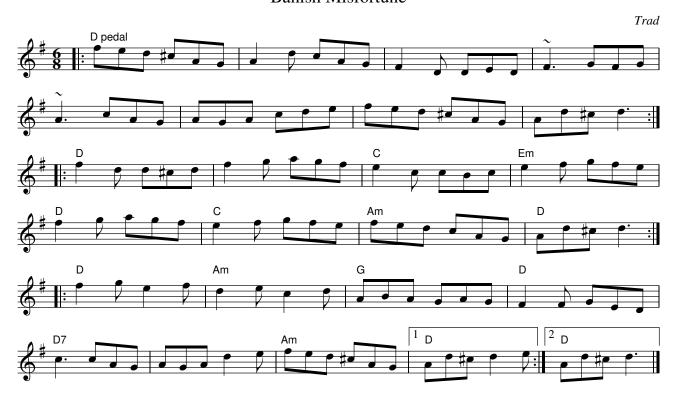
# **Banish the Blarney Pilgrim**

48 bar jigs

# The Blarney Pilgrim



#### Banish Misfortune



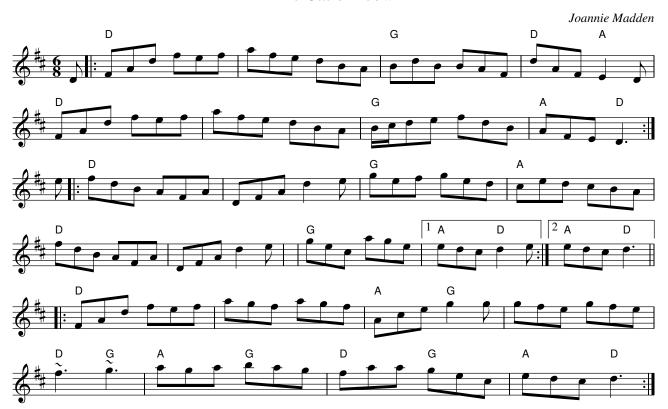
### The Cat in the Well

48 bar jigs

# The Wishing Well



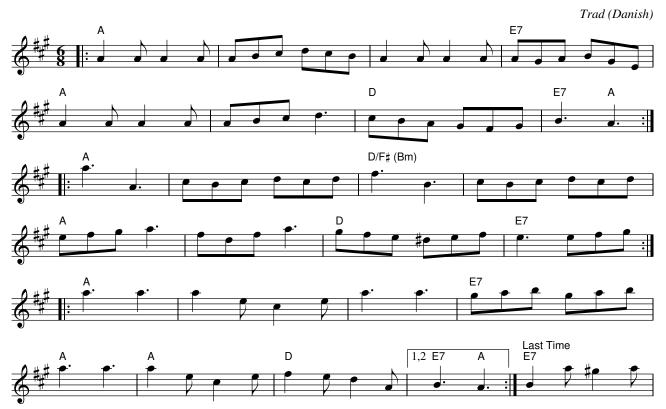
#### The Cat's Meow



# The International Jigs

48 bar jigs

# Den Toppede Høne Fra Vensyssel



#### Kadril Van Mechelen



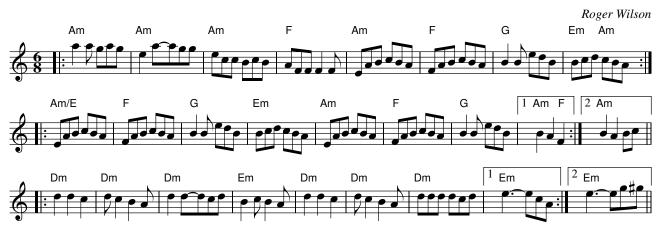
#### Horizonto

48 bar jig

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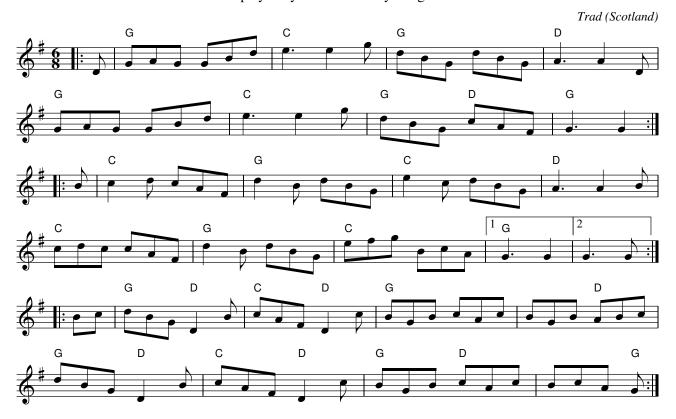


# Zakynthos



# Men of Questionable Character 48 bar jig - CR

# The Canty Auld Man As played by Winston Scotty Fitzgerald



Garcon Volange
The Fickle Lad. As played by Winston Scotty Fitzgerald



# The Lark in the Highlands

64 bar jigs

# The Lark in the Morning



# The Atholl Highlanders



# Muireann's

64 bar jigs

# The Humours Of Ballyloughlin



#### Muireann's



# The Maid at the Spinning Wheel

64 bar jig - ML

# The Maid At The Spinning Wheel



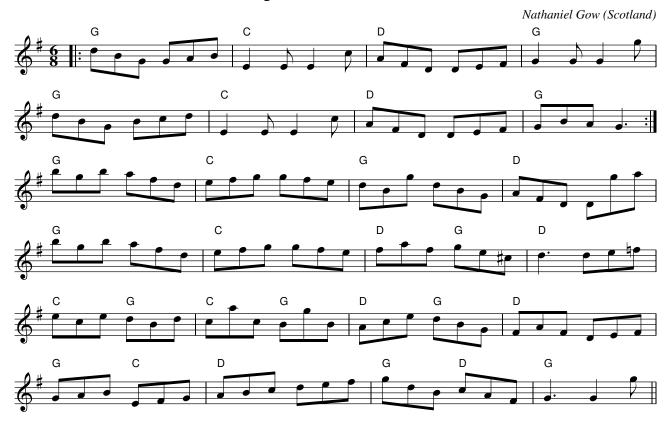
### **Lads Over the Hills**

Mixed jigs - CR

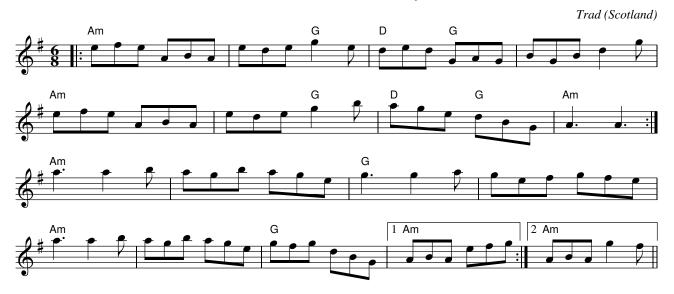
#### Gillan An Drover The Drover Lads



### Margrett Brown's Favourite



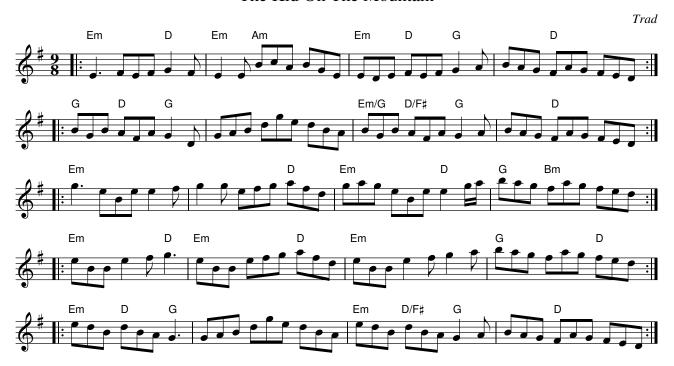
### The Hills Of Glenorchy



#### The Tune That Shall Not Be Named

Slip jigs - ML

#### The Kid On The Mountain



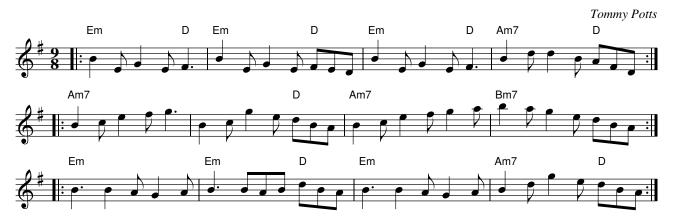
#### An Phis Fhliuch



### The Rest of the Slip Jigs

Slip jigs

#### The Butterfly



Dever The Dancer



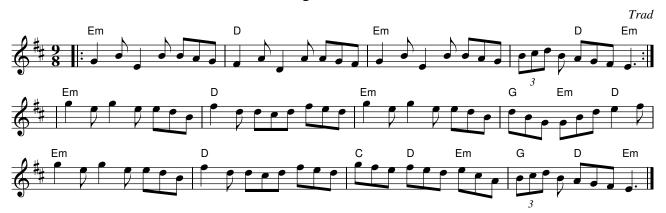
The Rabbit



#### The Swaggering Jig



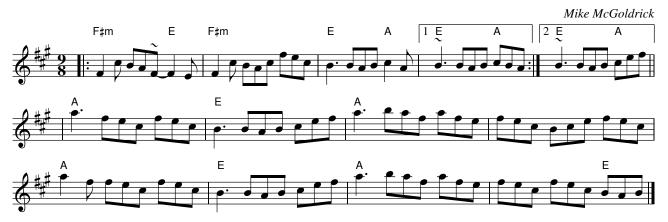
### A Fig For A Kiss



### The Humours Of Whiskey



# Farewell To Whalley Range



# All the Single Reels

16 bar reels - ML

#### Maud Millar



The Red-Haired Lass



The Humours Of Tulla



The Hare's Paw



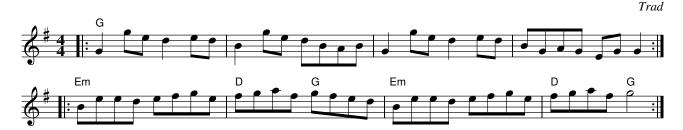
### The Fermoy Lasses



The Mountain Road



The Pigtown Fling



# The Monaghan Twig



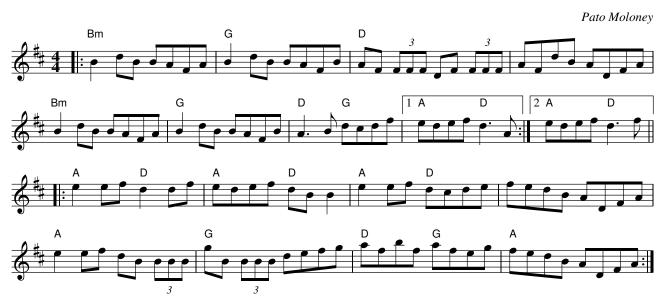
# The Silver Spear

32 bar reels

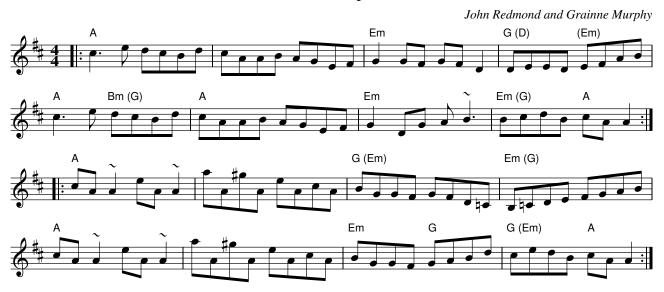
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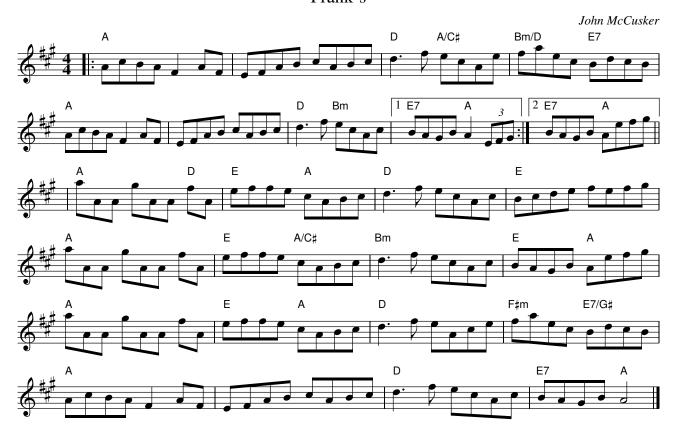
#### The Earl's Chair



### Tree Gap



#### Frank's



#### The Salamanca

32 bar reels

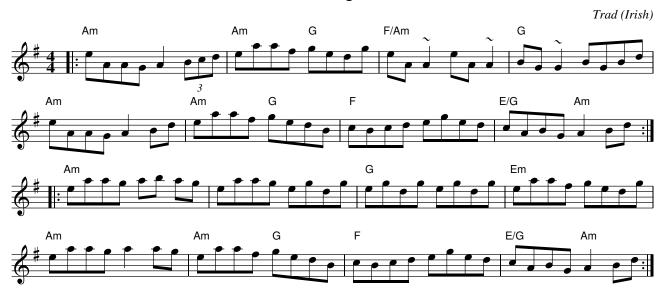
# The Salamanca



#### Toss The Feathers



### The Congress



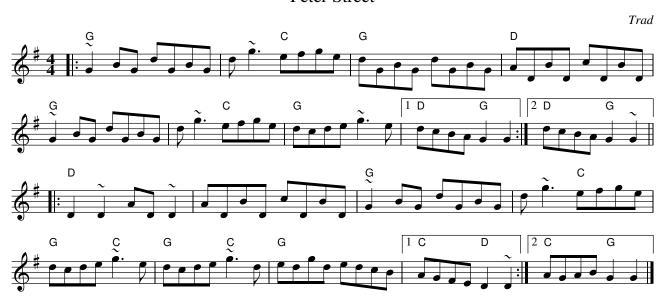
#### The Mill House



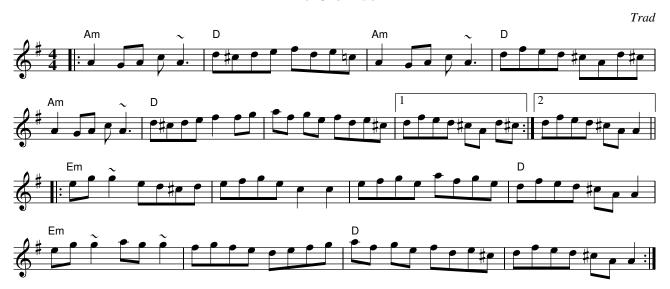
# The High Reel

32 bar reels

#### Peter Street



#### The Old Bush



### The Red Haired Boy



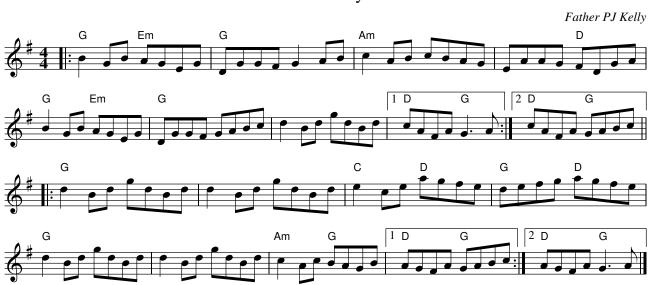
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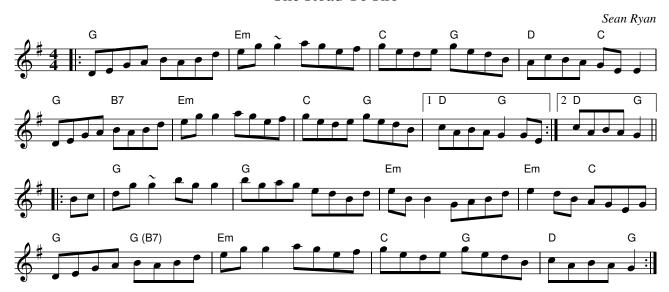
# Cooley's

32 bar reels

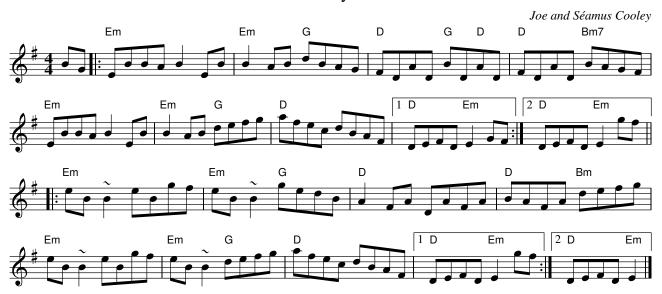
### Father Kelly's



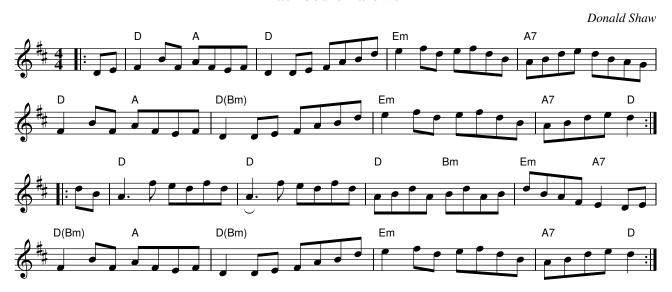
#### The Road To Rio



### Cooley's

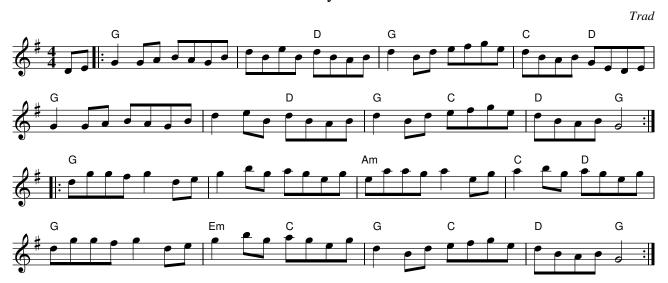


#### MacLeod's Farewell

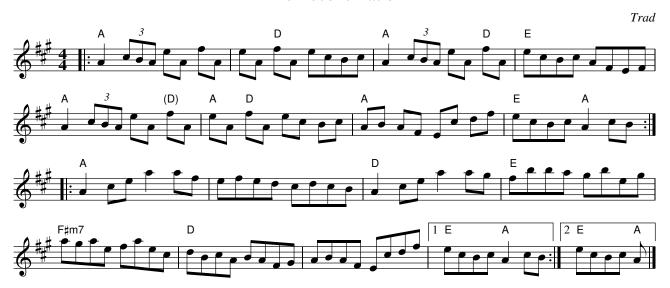


# The Sally Gardens 32 bar reels

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#### The Reconciliation



#### Siobhan O'Donnell's



# MacArthur Road



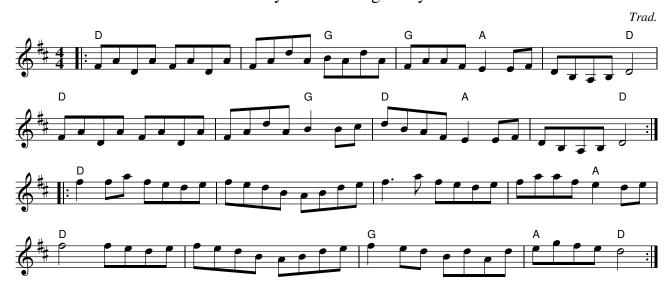
# The Golden Keyboard

32 bar reels - ML

# John Stenson's #2



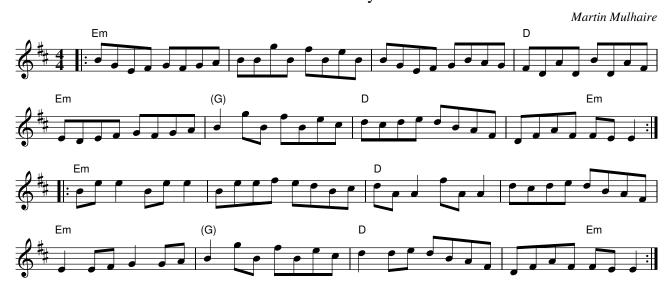
#### Lady Anne Montgomery



# The Merry Blacksmith



### The Golden Keyboard



# The Holly Bush

32 bar reels - ML

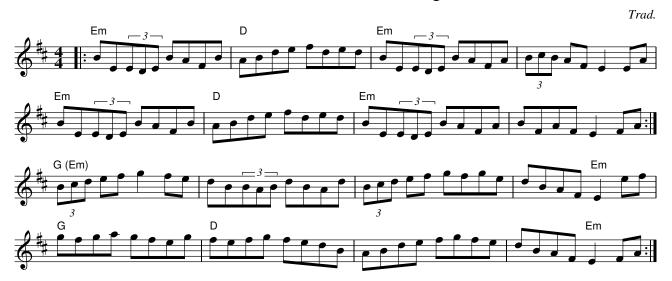
# The Sligo Maid



# The Holly Bush



### The Green Fields Of Rossbeigh



#### The Humours Of Lissadell



#### The Star of Munster

32 bar reels - ML

#### Devanny's Goat



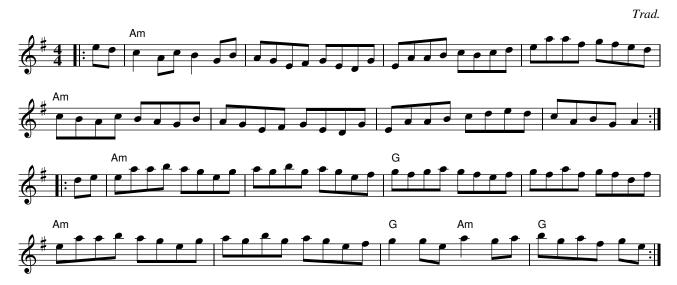
#### Farrel O'Gara's



#### The London Lasses



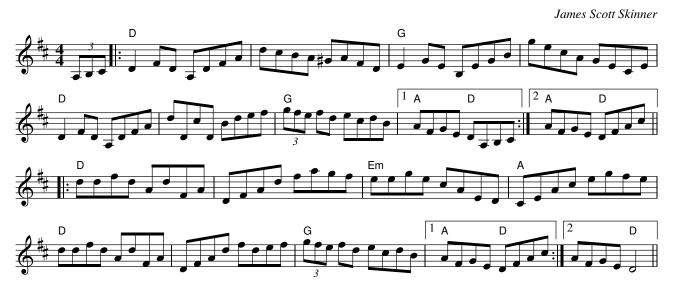
The Star Of Munster



# Lucy Campbell's

32 bar reels - ML

# The Spey In Spate



### Lucy Campbell



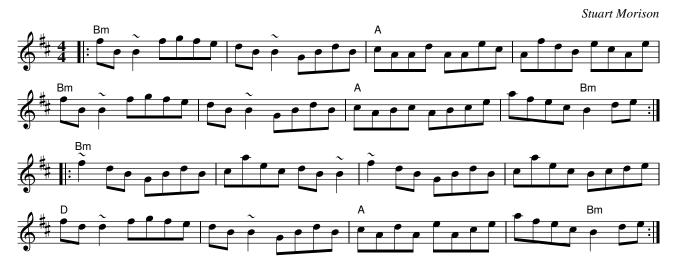
### **Morning Pancakes**

32 bar reels - ML

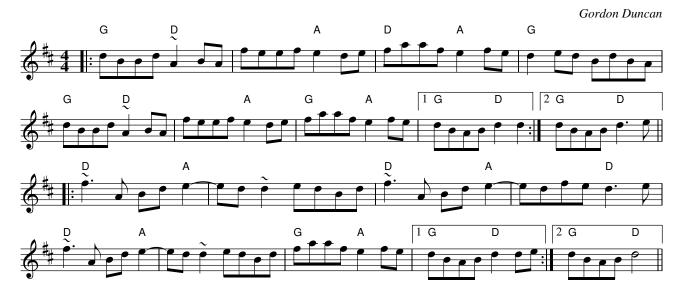
### Good Morning To Your Nightcap



### Maggie's Pancakes



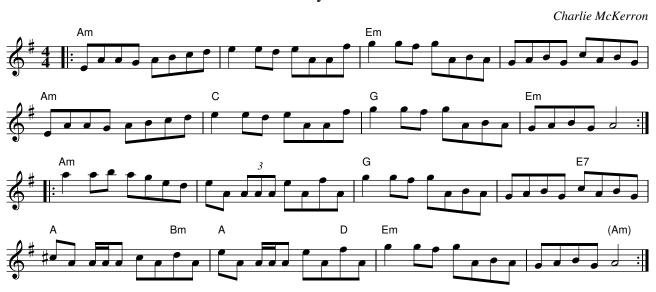
# Ramnee Ceilidh



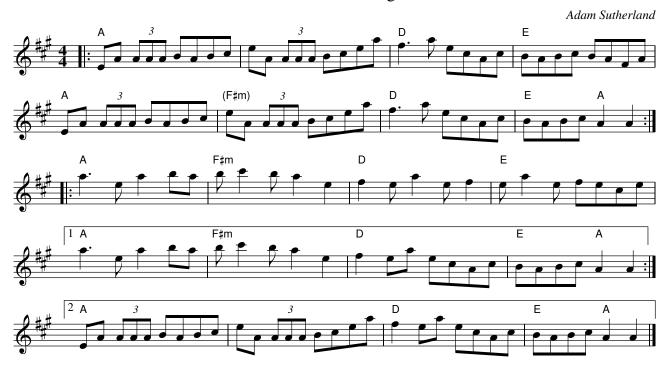
# The Road to Errogie

32 bar reels

# Islay Rant



# The Road to Errogie



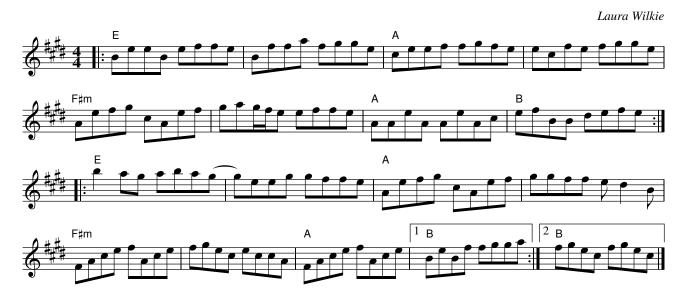
#### Toria's

32 bar reels

### Dancing In Allihies



Toria's 50th



### **Stomach Steinway Woman**

32 bar reels - ML

#### Stomach Steinway Man

#### Anne Lacey's



# Les Hommages

32 bar reels - ML

# Hommage à Edmond Parizeau

Marcel Messervier



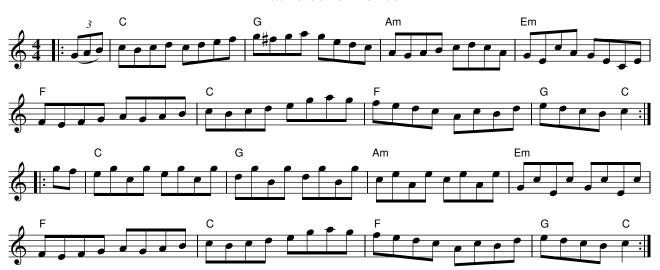
#### Hommage à Philippe Bruneau



#### Pachelbel's Frolics

32 bar reel - ML

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# Big John and the Devil

32 bar reels - CR

#### The Miller's Reel

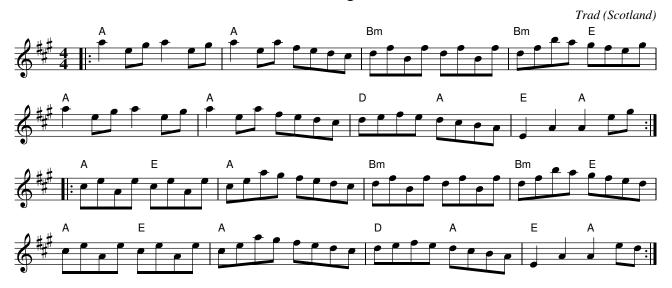


### Big John MacNeill

Peter Milne (Scotland)



The De'il Among The Tailors



# Mayor Harrison's Cup of Tea

48 bar reels - ML

### The Cup Of Tea



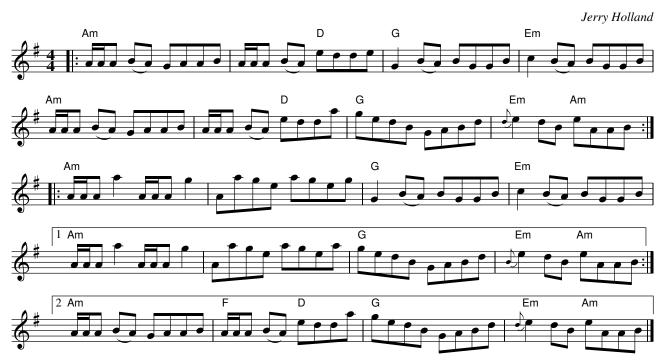
#### Mayor Harrison's Fedora



#### Brenda Stubbert's

Mixed reels

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#### Jock Broon's 70th



# The Mouth of the Tobique Mixed reels - ML

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# Fleur de Mandragore



#### Farmers, Goats, and Bears

Mixed reels - CR

## The Morayshire Farmers Club

William Marshall



#### The Bear In The Buckwheat



# An Oidche Bha na Gobhair Aguin

The Night the Goats Came Home



#### **Too Many Jamies**

Mixed reels - CR

#### Jamie Hardie



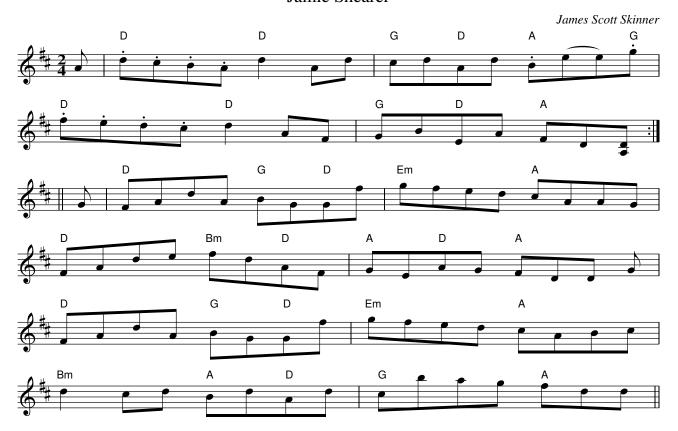
#### Rachael Rae

John Lowe (Scotland)



## Jenny Dang the Weaver

# Jamie Shearer



#### Put Me in a Box!

Mixed reels - CR

#### Coire An Lochan The Lake District

David Muir Possibly (Scotland)



#### Cuir Sa Chist Mhoir Mi Put Me In The Big Chest



## Mrs MacLeod of Raasay



#### **Annie in the Bungalow**

Mixed reels - CR

#### Lady Muir MacKenzie

William Gow (Scotland)



#### The Bungalow

James Scott Skinner



#### Anna Thug Mi Gradh Dhuit Annie is My Darling

Captain Simon Fraser (Scotland)



## The East Neuk O'Fife

Country dances - CR

#### The East Neuk O' Fife

James Oswald (Scotland)



The Bottom Of The Punchbowl

Trad (Scotland)



The Flowers Of Edinburgh

Trad (Scotland)

#### **Scotland the Brave**

Marches

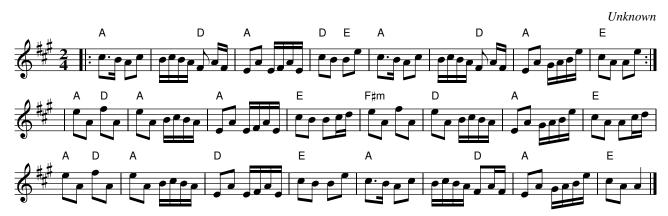
#### Scotland the Brave



#### The Battle Of Waterloo



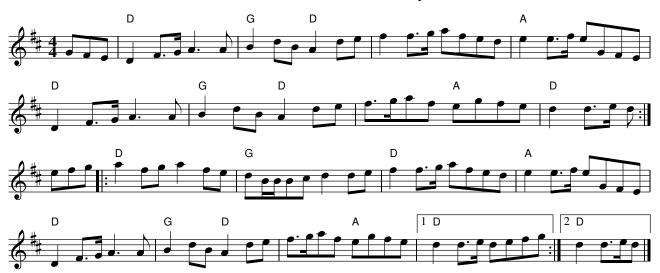
#### Willie Anderson's Farewell to Dalharn



# The Wedding

Marches

# Fair Isle School Centenary



# Caroline and Henry's Wedding March



#### James Brown's

March - ML

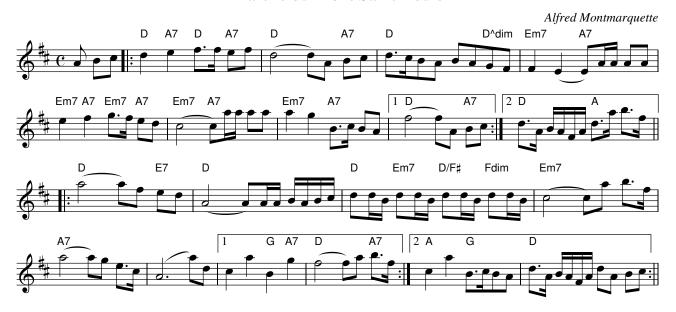
#### James Brown's



#### Marche du Mont Saint-Louis

March - ML

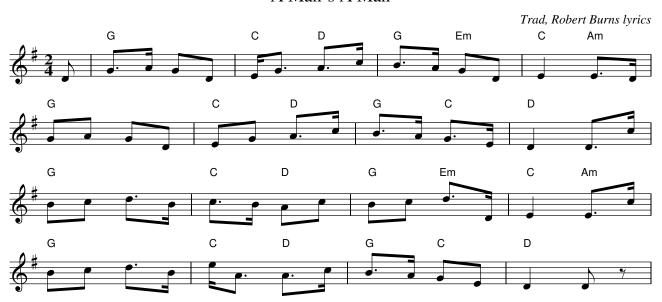
#### Marche du Mont Saint-Louis



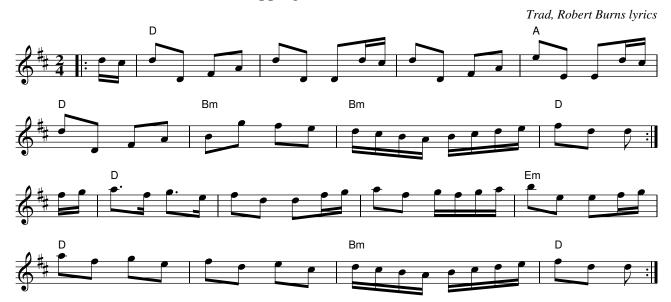
#### Man on the Mountain

Marches (Robert Burns) - CR

## A Man's A Man



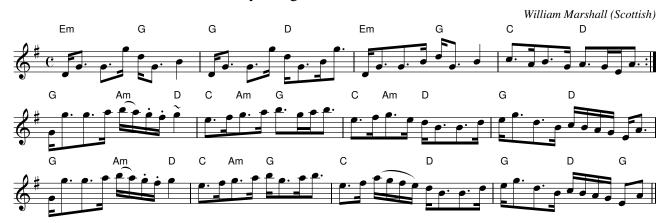
## Tripping On The Mountain



#### Jane and James'

Strathspeys - CR

#### Johnny Pringle, or Miss Jane Stewart



#### Mrs. James MacInnes



#### **Rothiemurchus Rant**

Strathspey (Robert Burns) - CR

#### Rothiemurchus Rant



#### The Warlocks

Strathspeys - CR

## The Haughs Of Cromdale

Trad (Scotland)



#### Delnabo



#### The Warlocks



## The Laird of Drumblair

Strathspeys - CR

## The Laird Of Drumblair

James Scott Skinner

#### Over the Bridge

Strathspeys - CR

#### The Forth Bridge



#### Jessie Smith



## Lady Mary Ramsay



# Kitty's Rights

Hornpipes

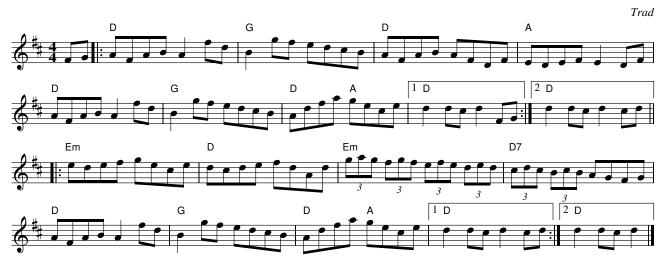
## Kitty's Wedding



# The Rights Of Man



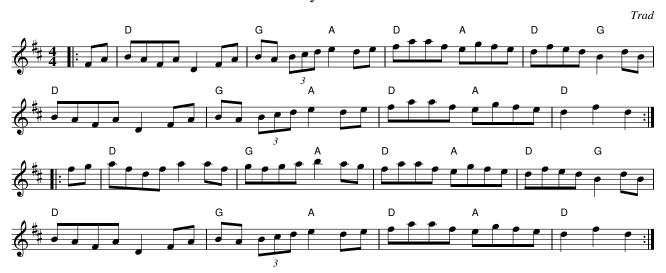
The Showman's Fancy



# **The Cheesy Hornpipes**

Hornpipes

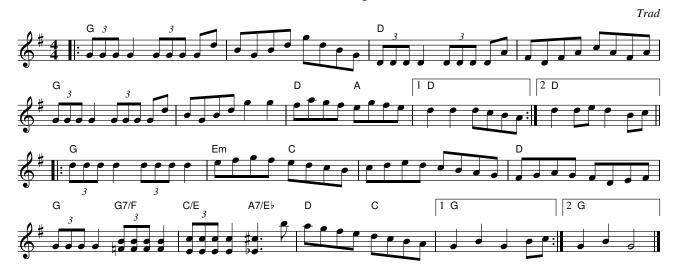
## The Boys Of Bluehill



#### The Harvest Home



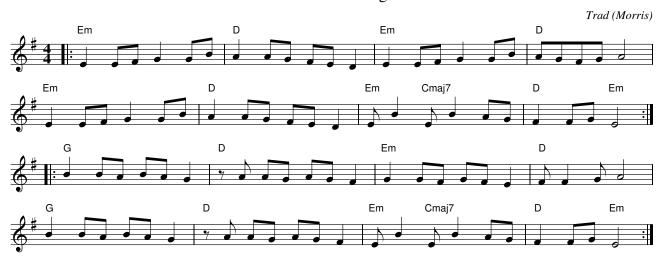
The Trumpet



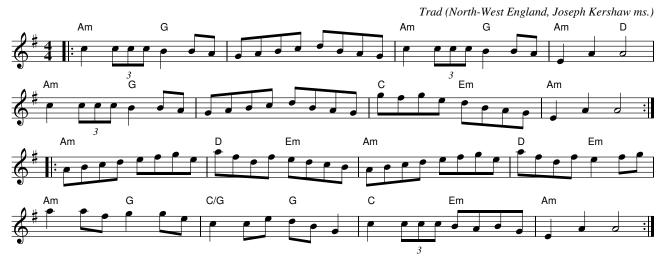
# **Baccapipes**

Hornpipes

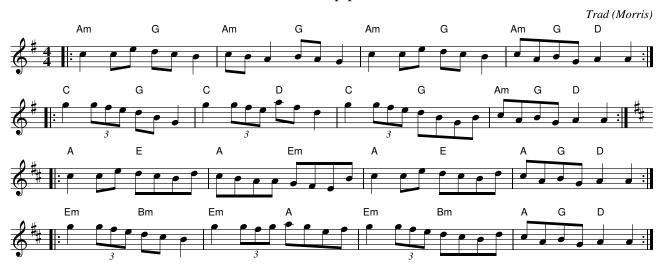
#### **Uttoxeter Swing**



#### Sportsman's Hornpipe



### Baccapipes



### Eibhlín Óg Hornpipe

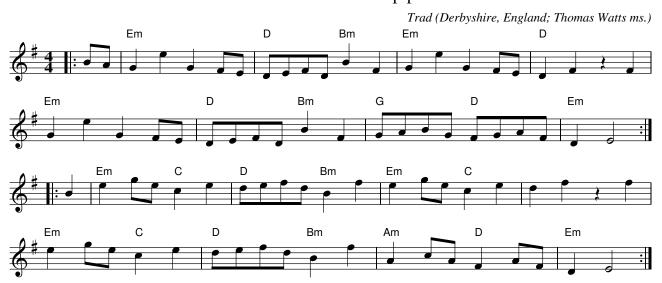
#### The Pride of Petravore



## Mister Moore's Hornpipe

Hornpipe - ML

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# William Irwin's (Modal) Hornpipe

Hornpipe - ML

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Trad (Lake District, England; William Irwin ms.)



# **The Stage** Hornpipes - ML

## The Stage



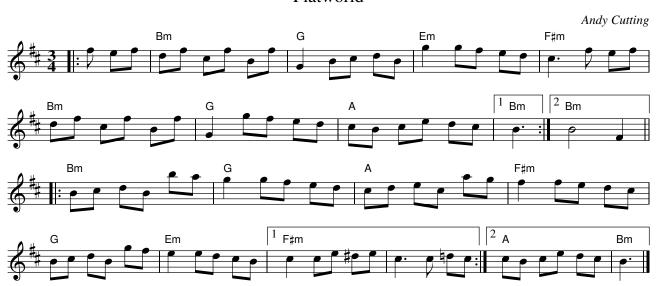
#### The Western



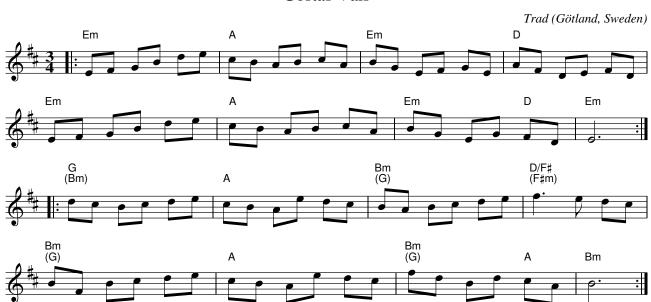
#### **Flatworld**

Waltzes

#### Flatworld



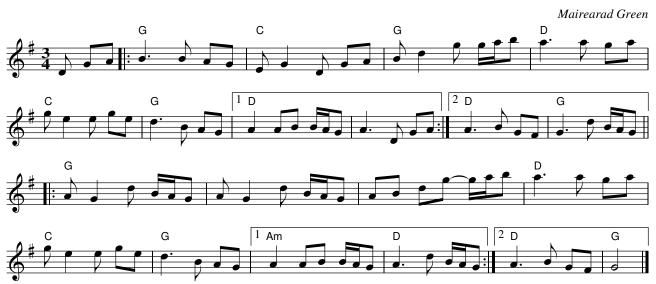
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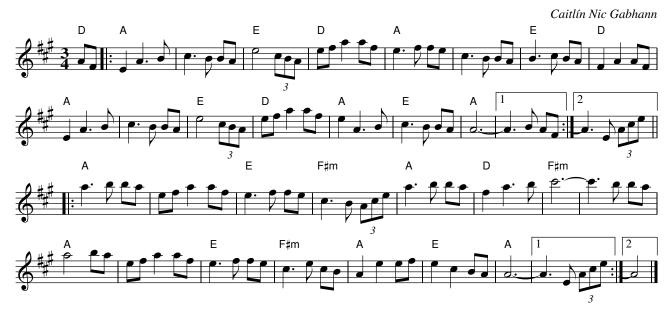
# Maggie's Well

Waltzes

# Maggie West's



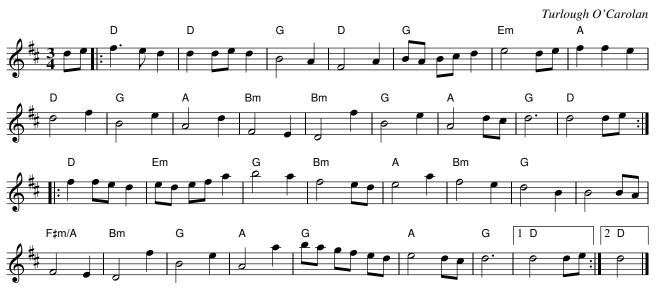
# Sunday's Well



# The Fairy and the Gent

Waltzes

# Si Bheag Si Mhor



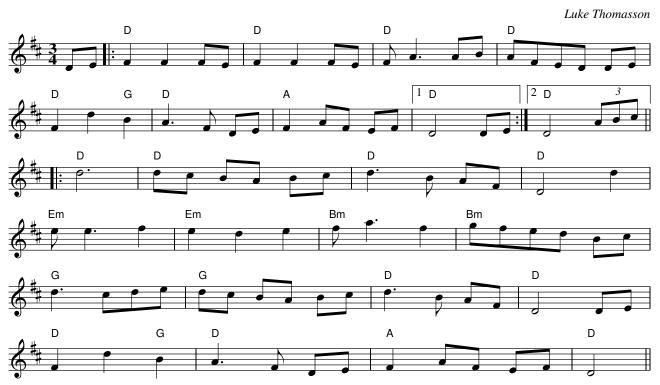
## The Norwegian Gent



# Midnight on the Water

Waltzes

# Midnight On The Water



#### Flatwater Fran



#### Emma's Waltzes

#### Emma's Waltz



# **Les Poules Huppées**Waltzes

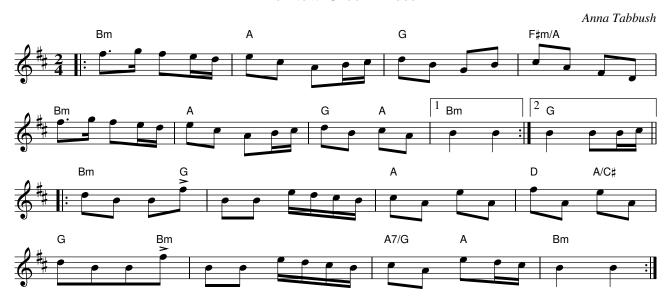
# Les Poules Huppées

Gilles Chabenat

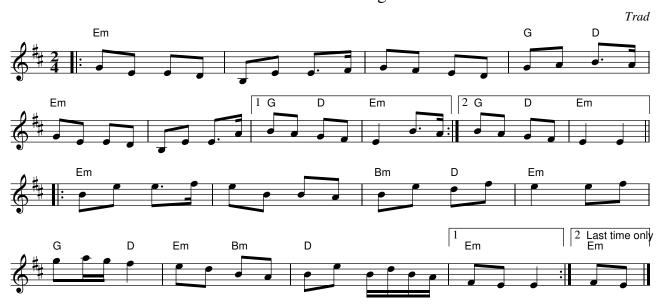
## **The New Green Dress**

Polkas

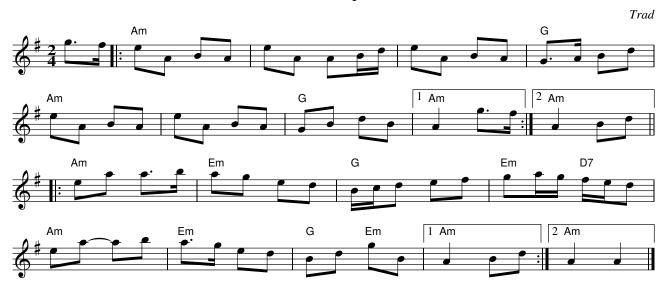
## The New Green Dress



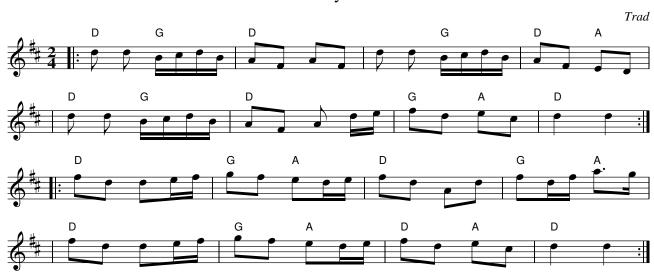
# The Glen Cottage



# As I Went Out Upon The Ice



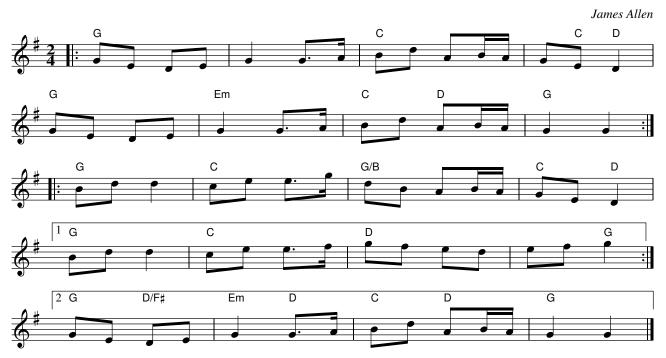
# John Ryan's



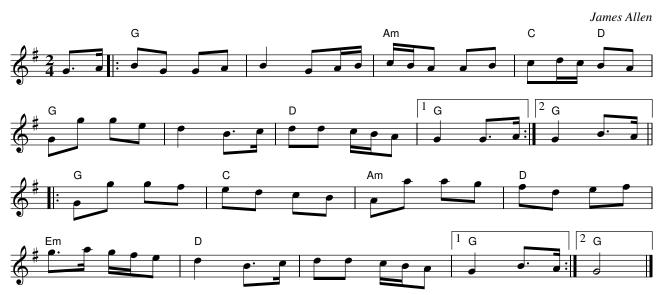
## **Salmon Tails**

Polkas

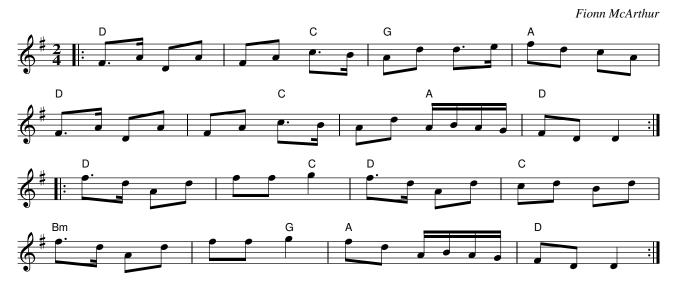
# Salmon Tails Up The Water



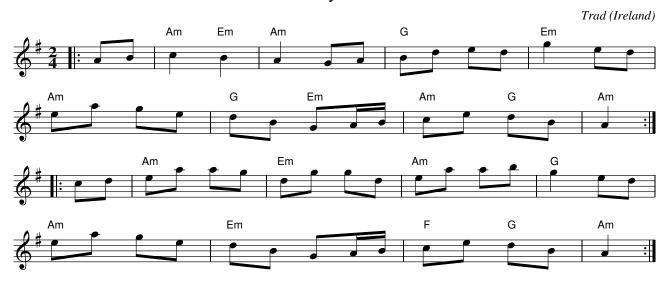
#### Jamie Allen



# Titting The Scales

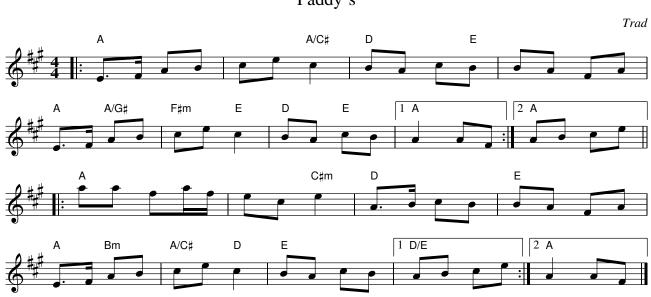


# The Ballydesmond

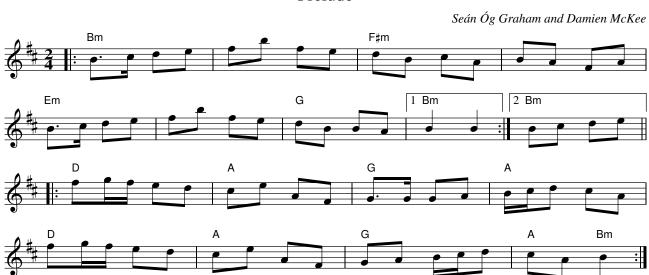


# The Party Polkas Polkas

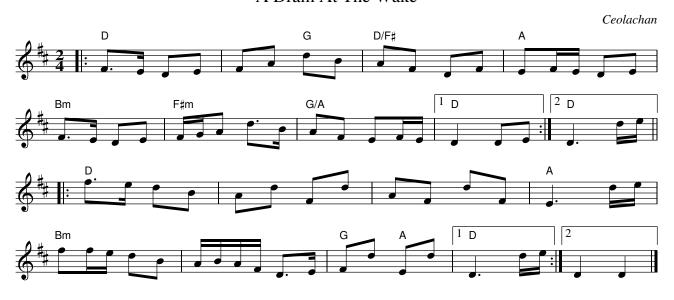
# Paddy's

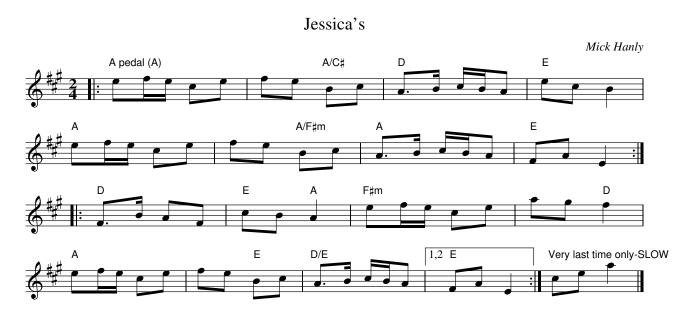


## Prelude



#### A Dram At The Wake





#### The P&O

Polkas - ML

#### The P&O



## I'll Buy Boots For Maggie



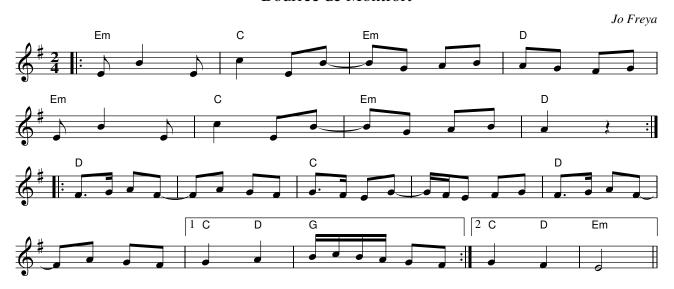
#### Din Tarrant's



#### **Not Polkas**

2-time bourrées - ML

## Bourrée de Montfort



# Chassepain



#### Bourrée à Malochet



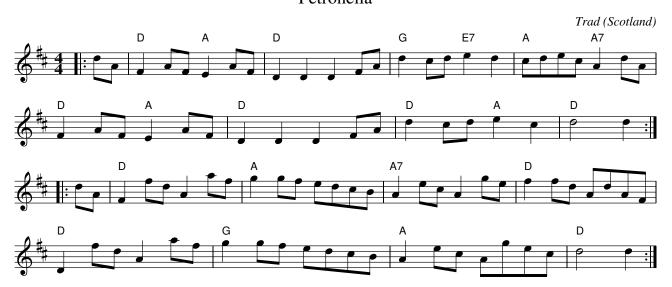
# **Dashing White Sergeant**

Dance special

## Dashing White Sergeant



## Petronella



#### The Ceilidh Band Reel



Play Dashing White Sergeant once through at the end to finish the set.

#### **Swedish Masquerade**

Dance special

#### Swedish Masquerade

