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T:Festival du Voyageurs

M:C|

L:1/8

C:by Marcel Meilleur

S:version, different from Meilleur's, as played for contra dances

R:Reel

A:Lower Red River, nr Winnipeg

B:Original is in Marcel's bio/tunebook

N:This contradance version, which differs substantially from the tune as

N:Marcel Meilleur wrote and (later) published it, comes to the me from

N:three sources, all substantially identical in their differences from

N:Meilleur's original.

N:1. Mike Richardson, learned from Steve Hickman

N:2. Steve Trampe'

N:3. Stuart Williams

N:This leads to two hypotheses: Either there was a single source who

N:altered it from Marcel's original, and then spread it among contra and

N:OT musicians; or early in the life of the tune, someone (??DeJarlis)

N:had their way with it, and it barely ever spread in original form.

H:Marcel Meilleur was Andy De Jarlis' second fiddler in Andy's band.

H:Though he himself is entirely of French origins, rather than Metis as

H:was Andy, Marcel was one of the first musicians to support Winnipeg's

H:Festival du Voyagers - their winter carnival in celebration of the

H:early voyageurs in the fur trade. He has been given membership in the

H:Society of Voyageurs (The Metis decendents of the fur trade) for his

H:efforts. He is now deceased (date??, decades after DeJarlis)

Z:abc's by Phil Katz 10/23/2005, based on Mike Richardson's transcription

Z:in early-mid 1980's.

K:ADor

a2 ab agef|g2 ga ge d2 |a2 ab ag e2|dg2a g4 |!

a2 ab agef|g2- ga gedB|cABG AGE[EA]|GEDB, A,4 :|]!

|:E2 AB ceBe|ceBe cA A2 |DGGF G3 A|BGBd cBAG |!

E2 AB ceBe|ceBe cA A2 |"F"=fedf "C"e2 ce|"G"dcBd "Am"cA A2 :|]

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