Paul Hardy's Basic Tunebook 2012

Introduction

This Basic Tunebook contains a subset of the tunes in Paul Hardy's Session Tunebook. The subset is of the more commonly played and simpler tunes.

Both tune books contain tunes that I have learned to play on my English concertina, that are played at folk music sessions, particularly in the areas around Cambridge, England and Redlands, California. They should also be playable on fiddle, whistle, flute, dulcimer, etc.

Most are traditional tunes from the British Isles, many of Celtic origin, particularly Irish dance tunes, but others are from an eclectic mix of sources. Some have been adapted from Internet resources, originally in abc or midi formats. Others have been learned by ear or handouts from various sessions in the UK and US. All are believed free of current copyright (unless noted explicitly), or else appear to have been placed in the public domain as part of the ongoing live folk music tradition. Please let me know if you are the owner of any that are under access restrictions and I'll remove them.

I have tried to choose the simple versions of most tunes, without much decoration and interpretation, so add your own triplets, grace notes and variations. I have also included guitar chords, based on computer generated ones if not present at the tune's source.

This tunebook has been prepared using the abcm2ps software, with help from abcmus, Melody Assistant, and ABCexplorer. A big thank you goes to those creative and dedicated people who give their time to create and maintain low–cost or free and open source software for abc music editing and output.

Particular thanks also go to Greenshoots (www.greenshootsmusic.org.uk) for the slow sessions near Cambridge in England that let me learn many of these tunes; the concertina sessions at Chiltinas near Bedford in England that gave me confidence; the Ceili House Band in Redlands in California that opened my eyes and ears to the range of Irish music; to the celtic jam sessions at Green Valley Lake in the nearby San Bernadino Mountains that broadened my repertoire; and the Ceol Galore young musician practice sessions in my home village of Comberton that are carrying traditional music forward to the next generation.

The current version of this and the full session tunebook, in ABC and in PDF forms, is downloadable from Paul's web site at www.paulhardy.net, or you can order there a printed copy.

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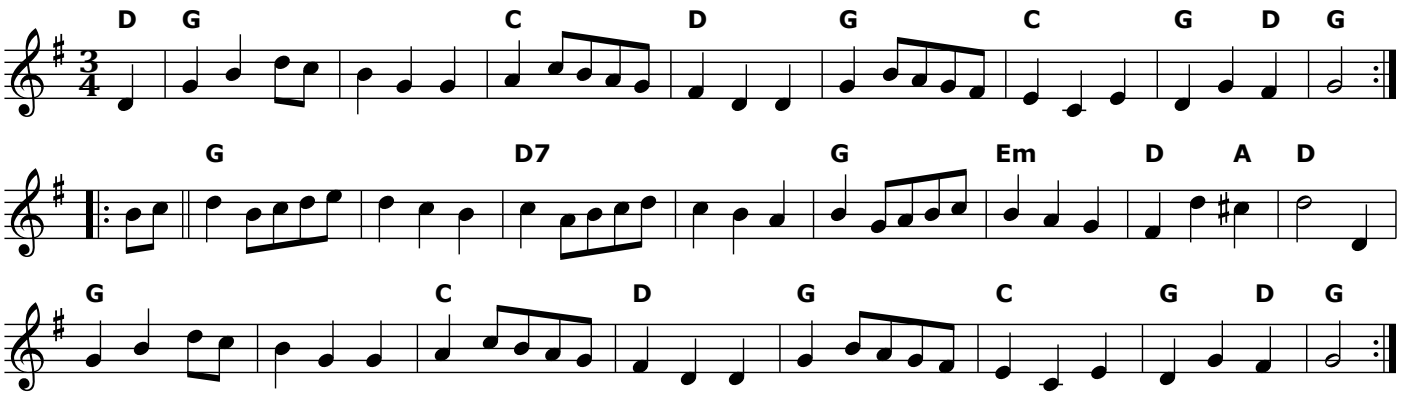
Waltz
♩= 100

The Ash Grove

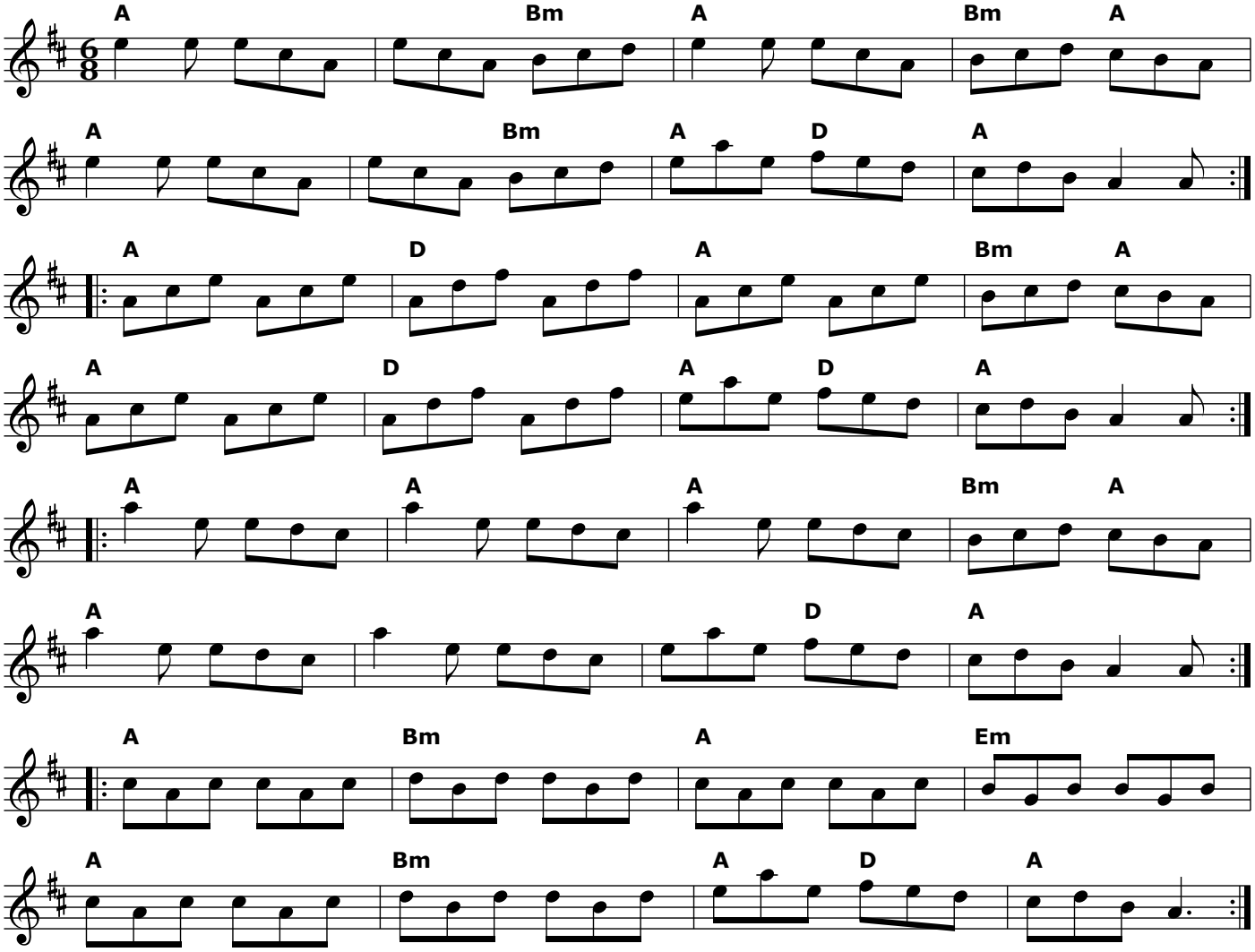
Trad.
Wales



March
♩= 100

The Atholl Highlanders

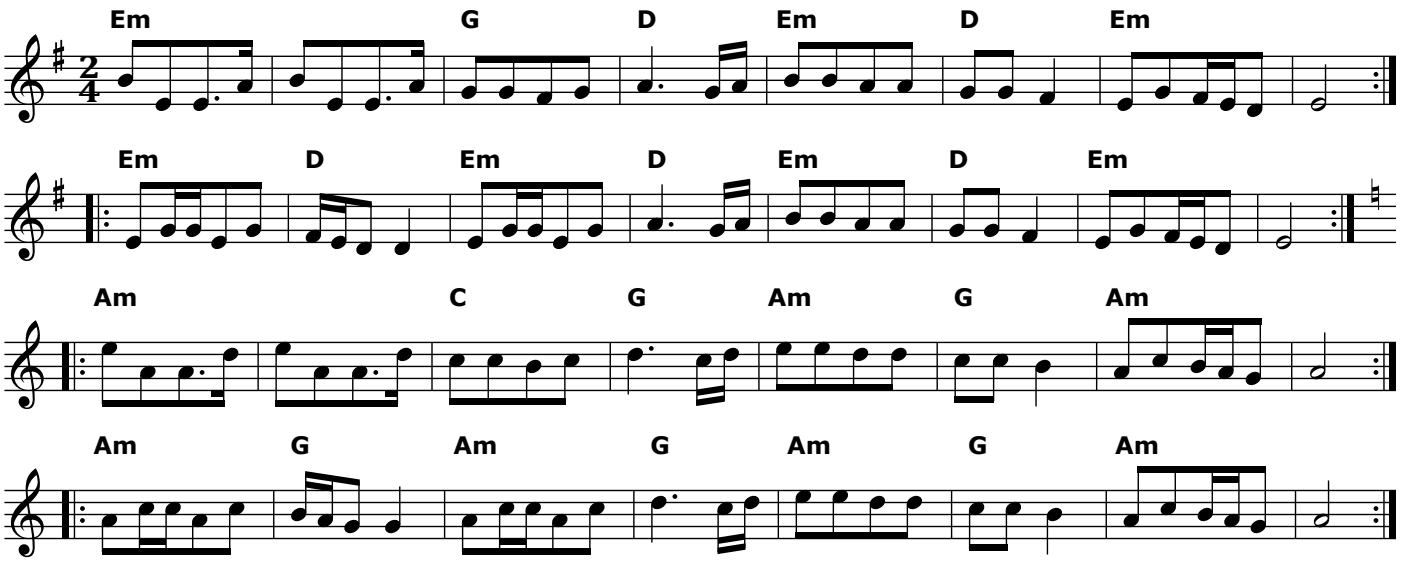
Trad.
Scotland



Polka
♩= 100

Bear Dance

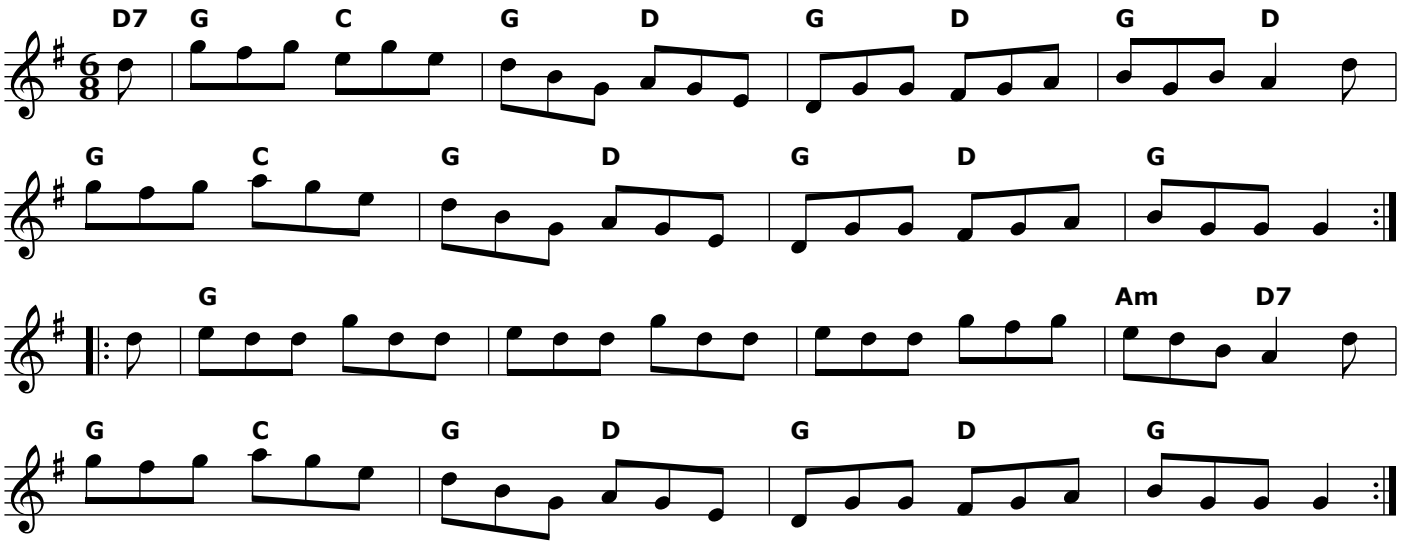
Trad.
Flanders



Jig
♩. = 90

The Blackthorn Stick

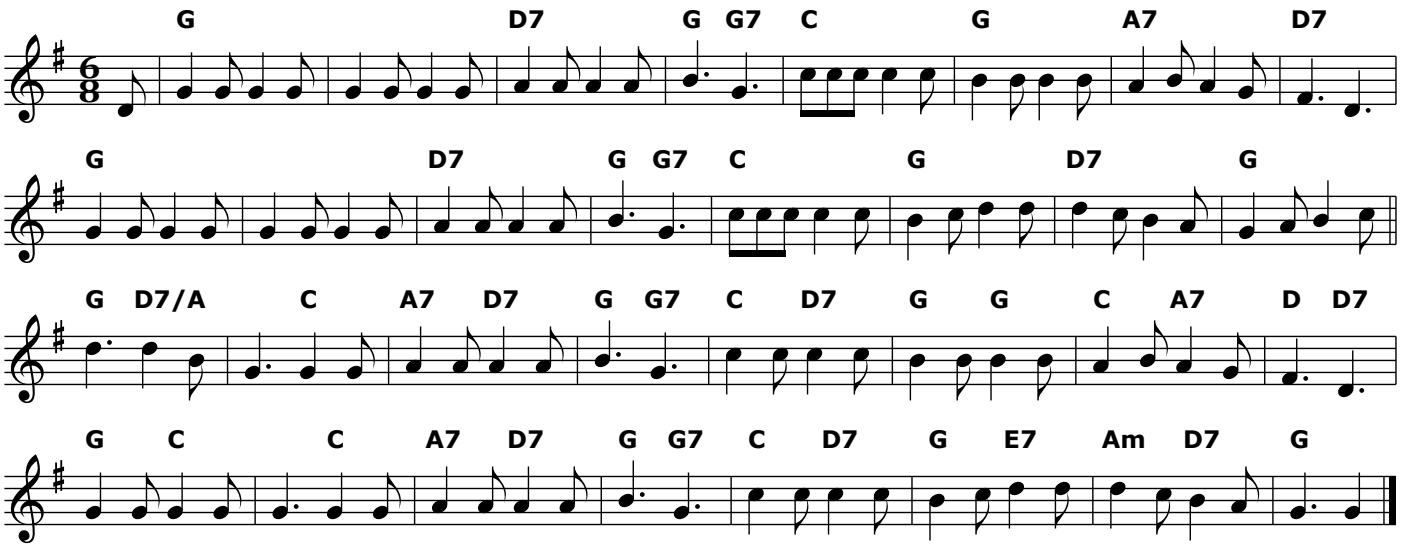
Trad.
Ireland



Jig
♩= 120

Blaydon Races

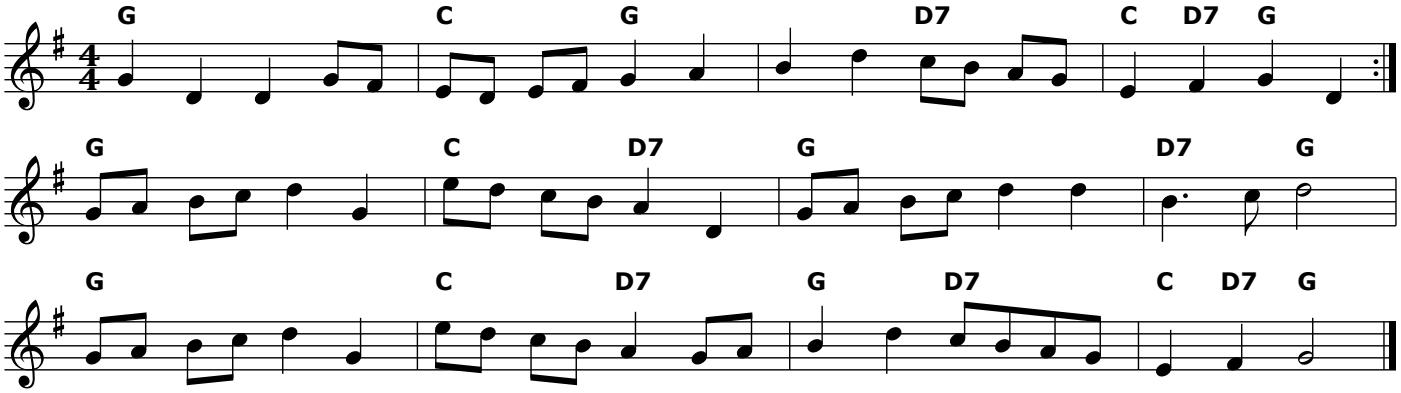
Trad.
England



Reel
♩= 160

Blue Eyed Stranger

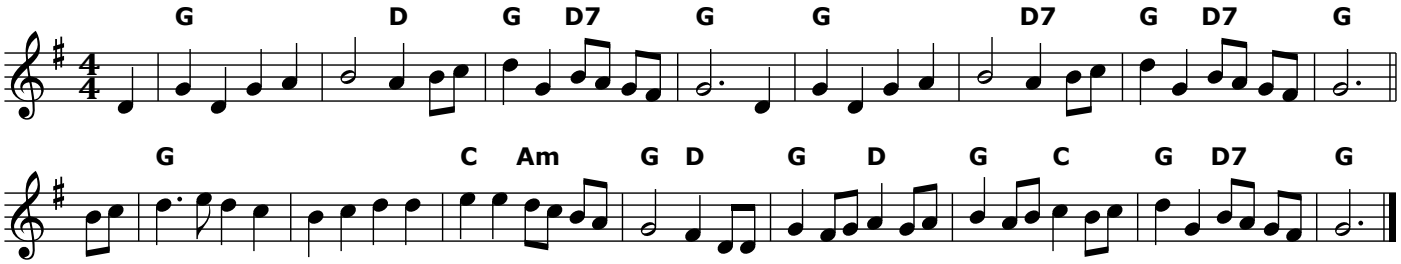
Trad.
England



March
♩= 180

British Grenadiers

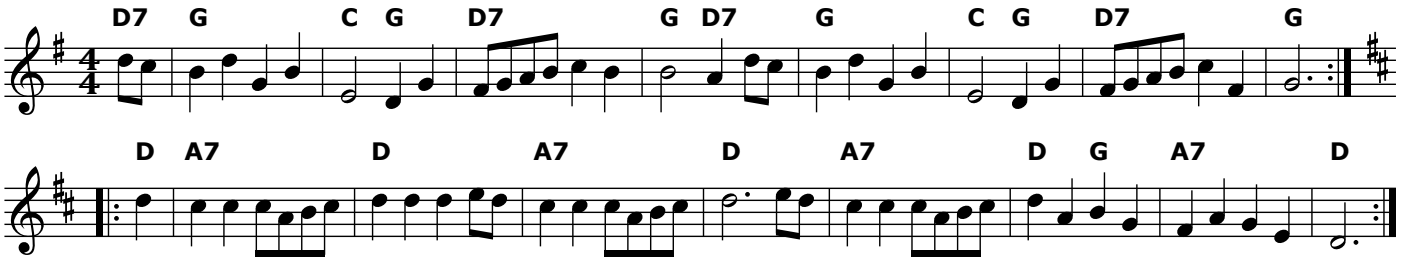
Trad.
England



Reel
♩= 140

The Curly−headed Ploughboy

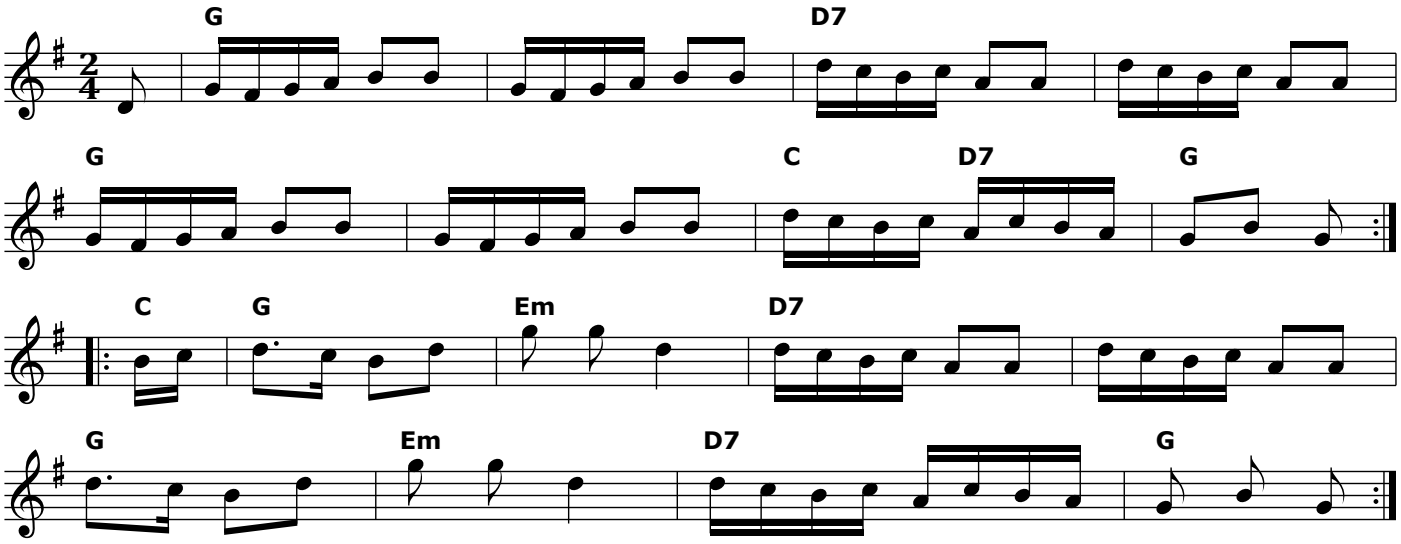
Trad.
England



Polka
♪= 160

Davy Davy Knick Knack

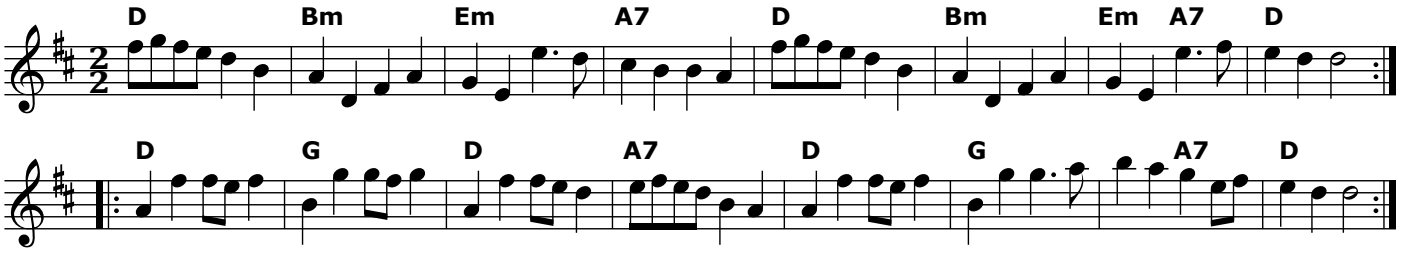
Trad.
England



Polka
♩= 200

Dennis Murphy's Polka

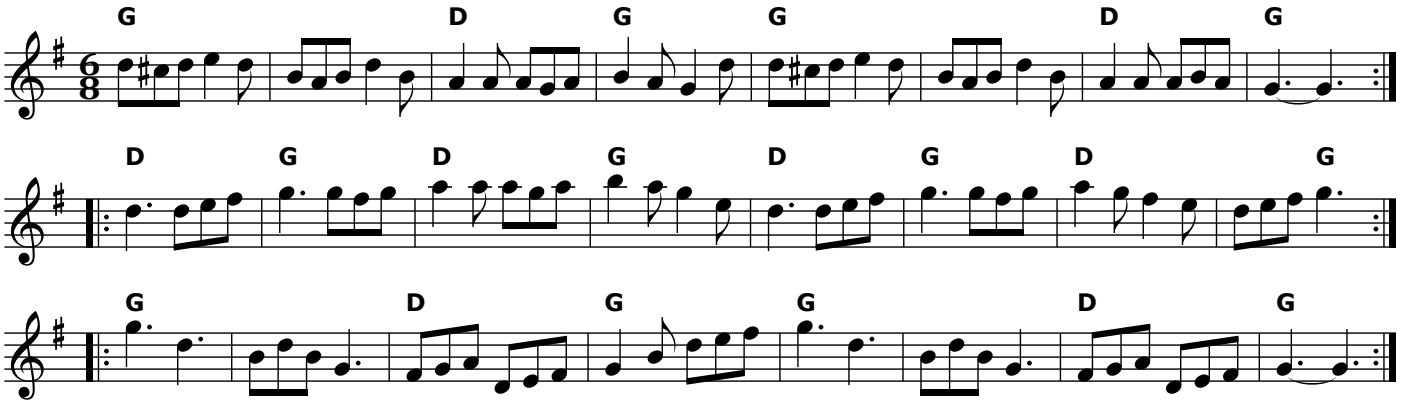
Trad.
Ireland



Jig
♩= 110

Dingle Regatta

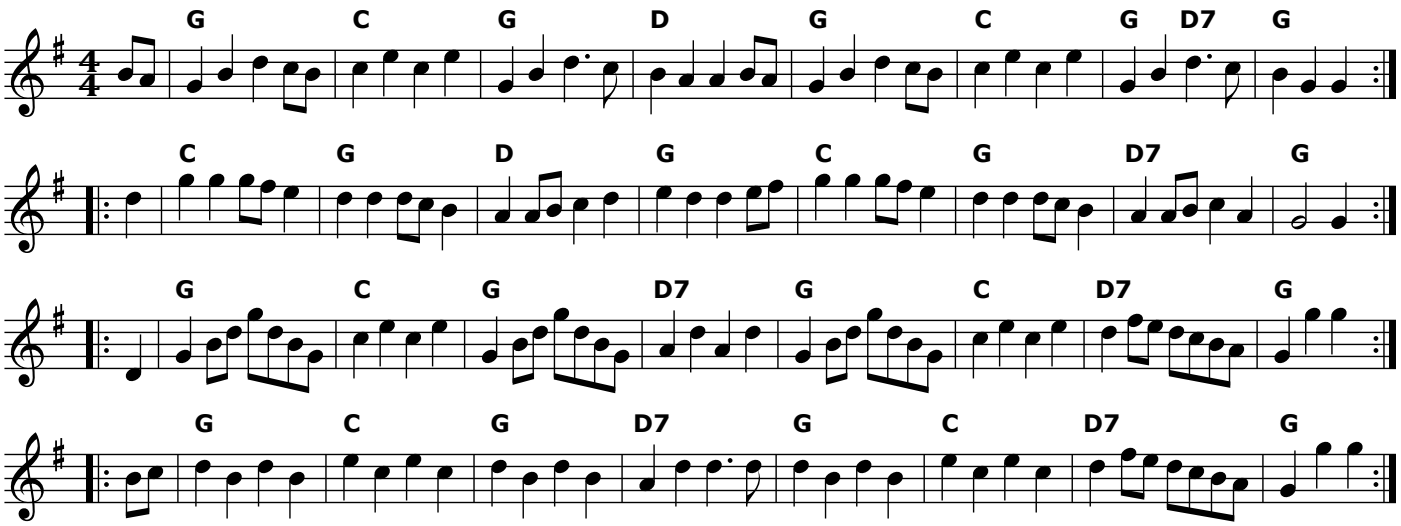
Trad.
Ireland



Reel
♩= 160

Dorset Four Hand Reel

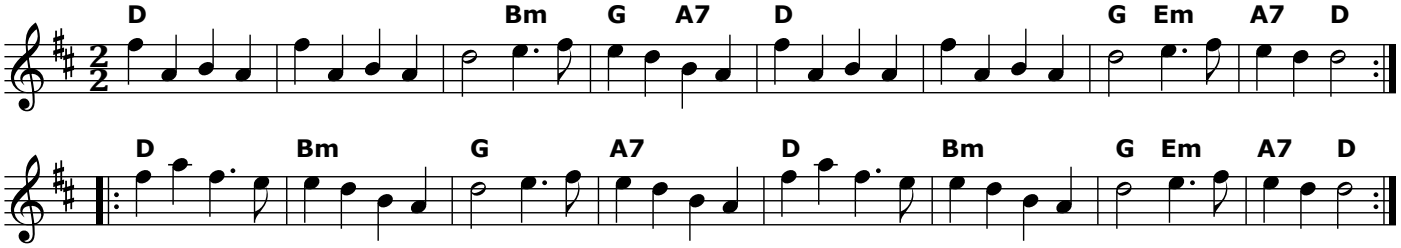
Trad.
England



Polka
♩= 120

Egan's Polka

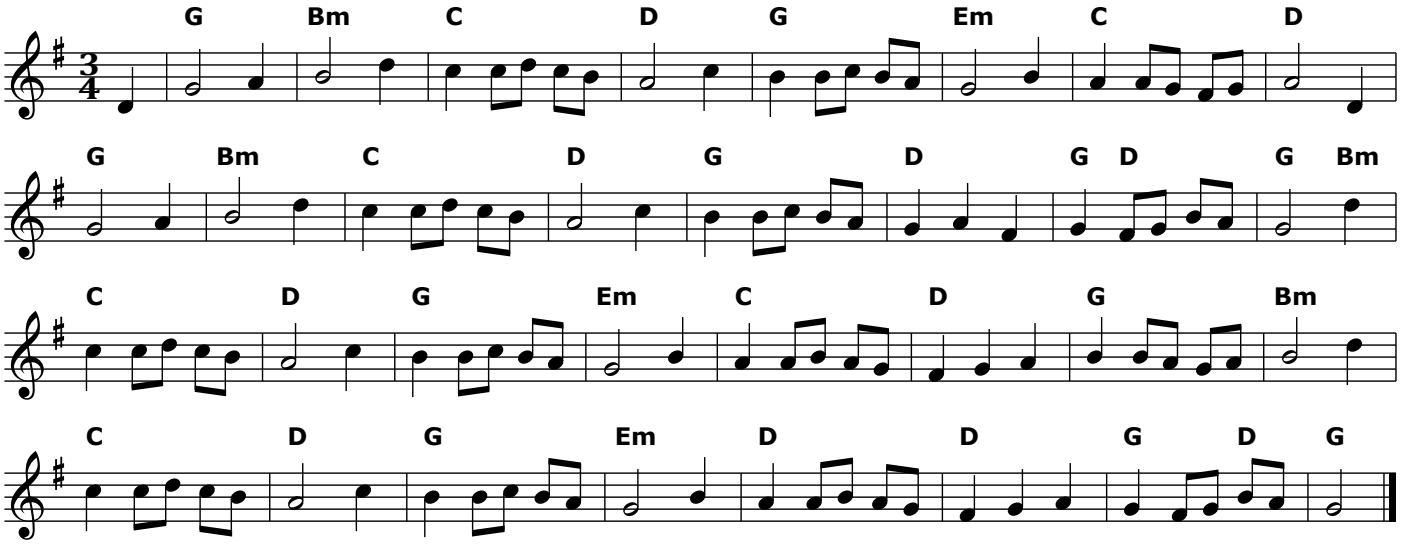
Trad.
Ireland



Waltz
♩= 120

Eric's Waltz

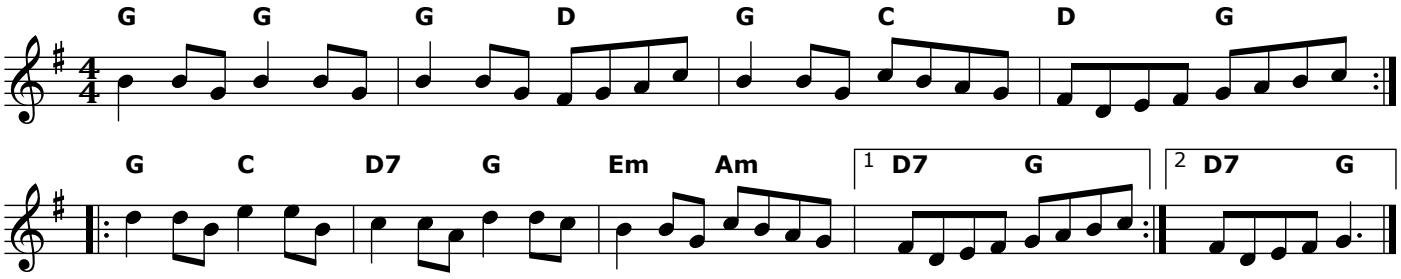
Eric Elsener
France



Reel
♩= 160

The Fairy Dance

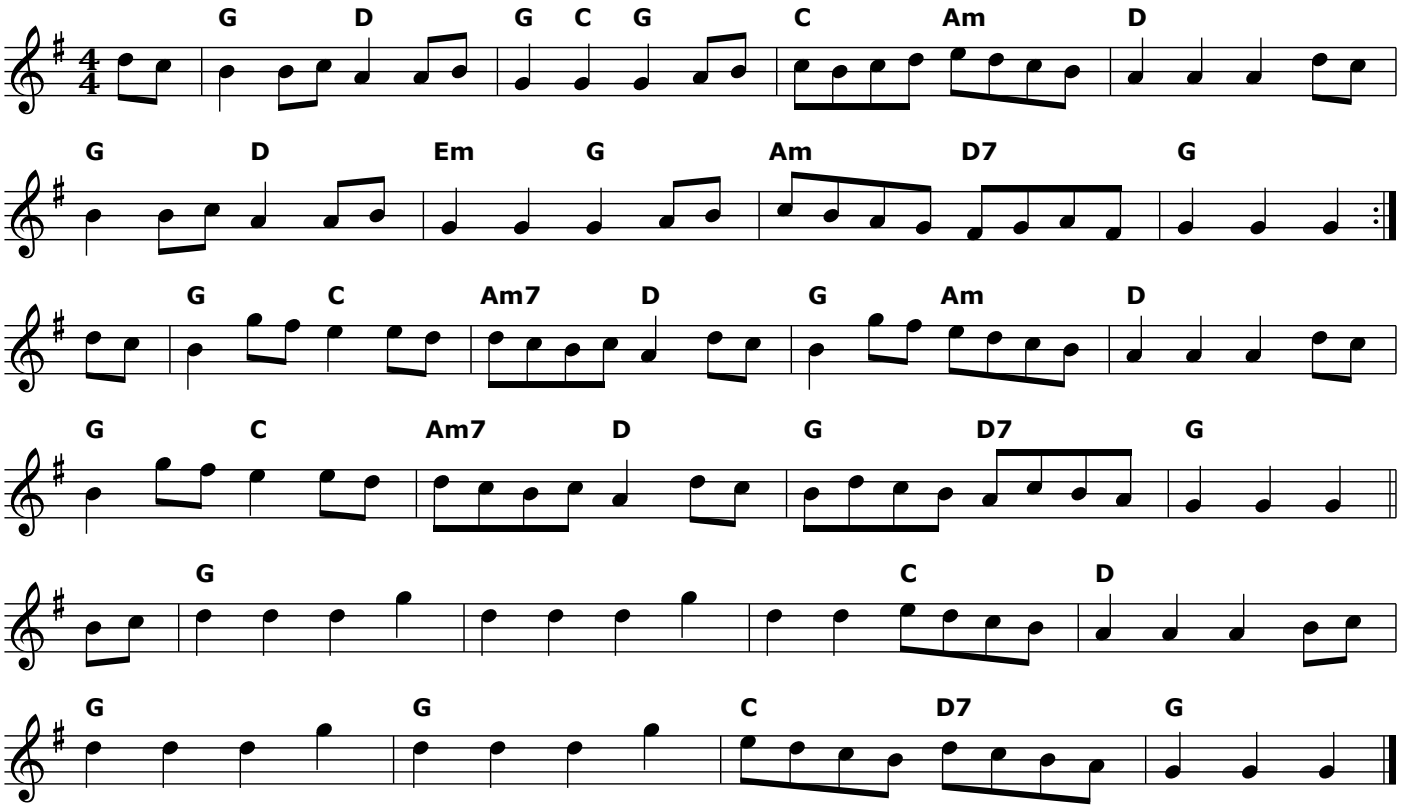
Nathaniel Gow, 1812
Scotland



Reel
♩= 140

Galopede
Yarmouth Reel

Trad.
England



Reel
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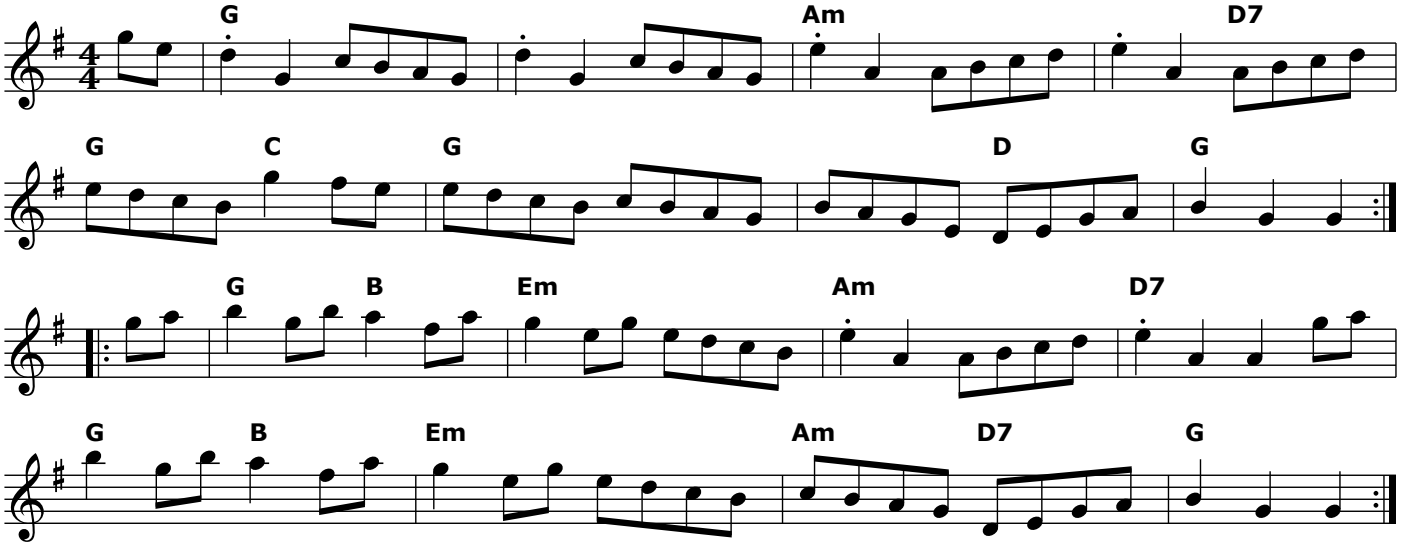
George Brabazon
Planxty George Brabazon

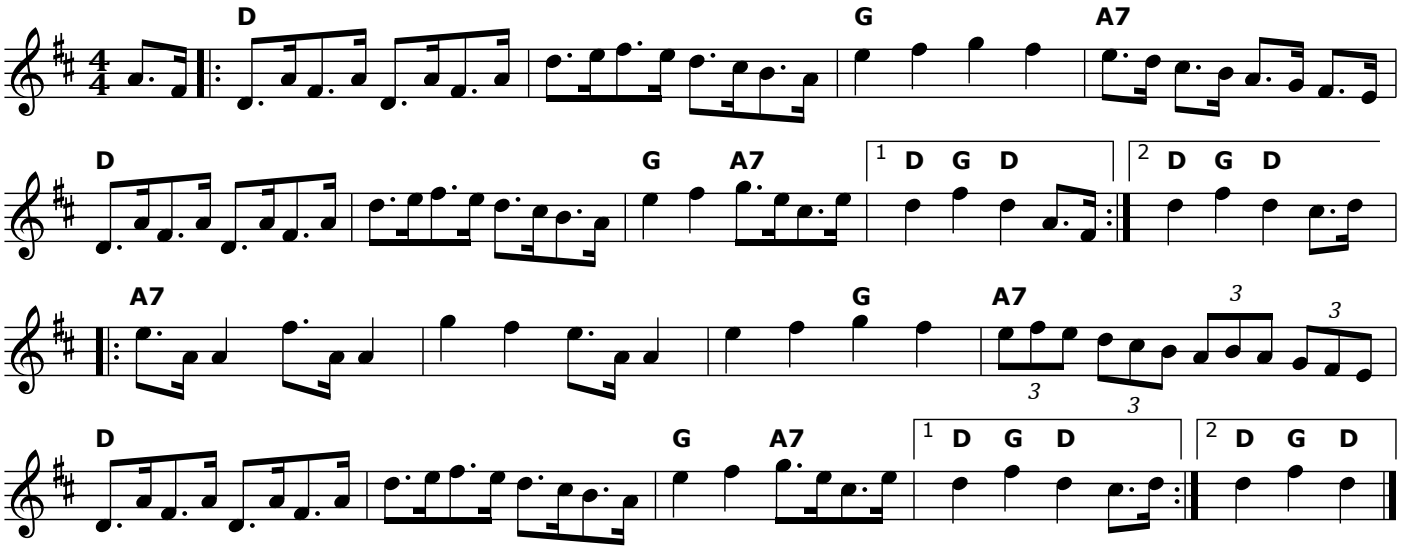
Turlough O'Carolan (1730)
Ireland



Reel
♩= 120

Harvest Home
Cork Hornpipe

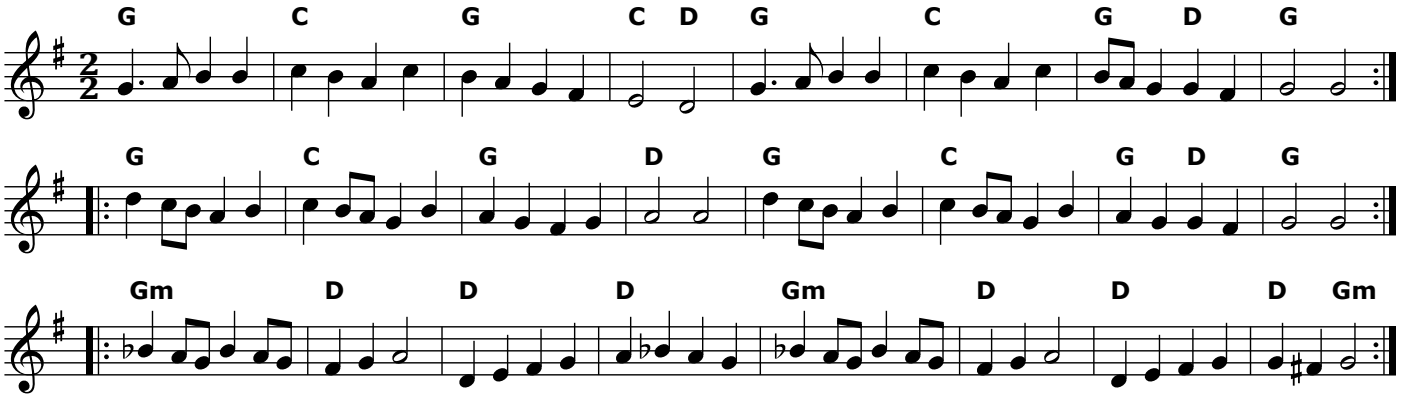
Trad.
Ireland



Reel
♩= 80

Horse's Brawl
Branle des Chevaux

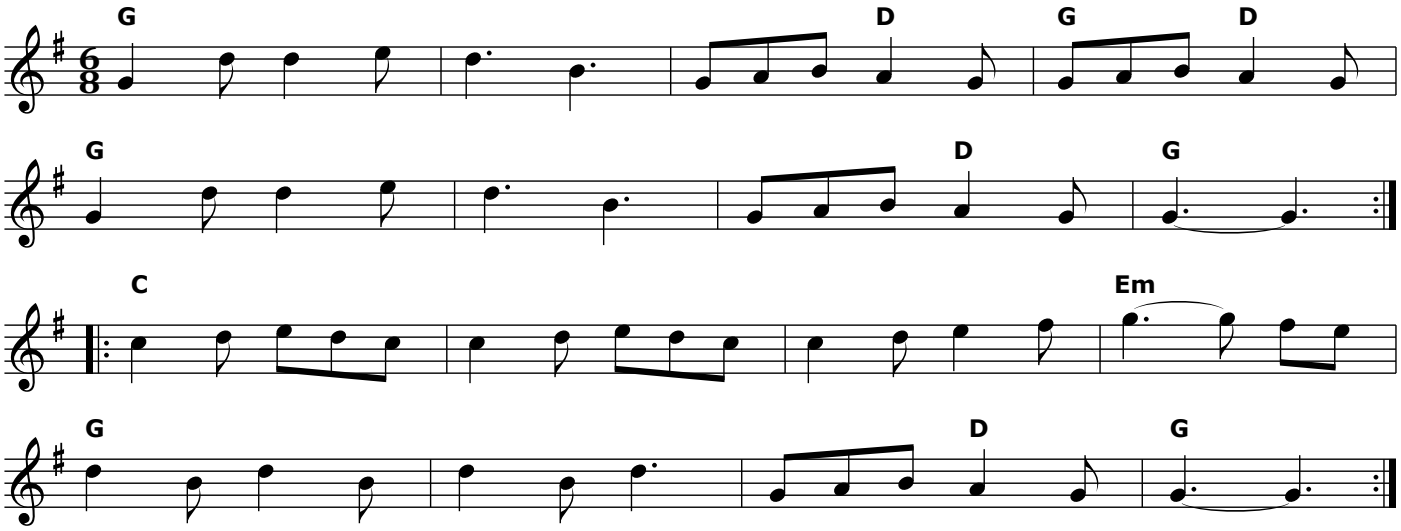
From Arbeau, Orchesographie, 1689
France



Jig
♩. = 120

Hunt the Squirrel

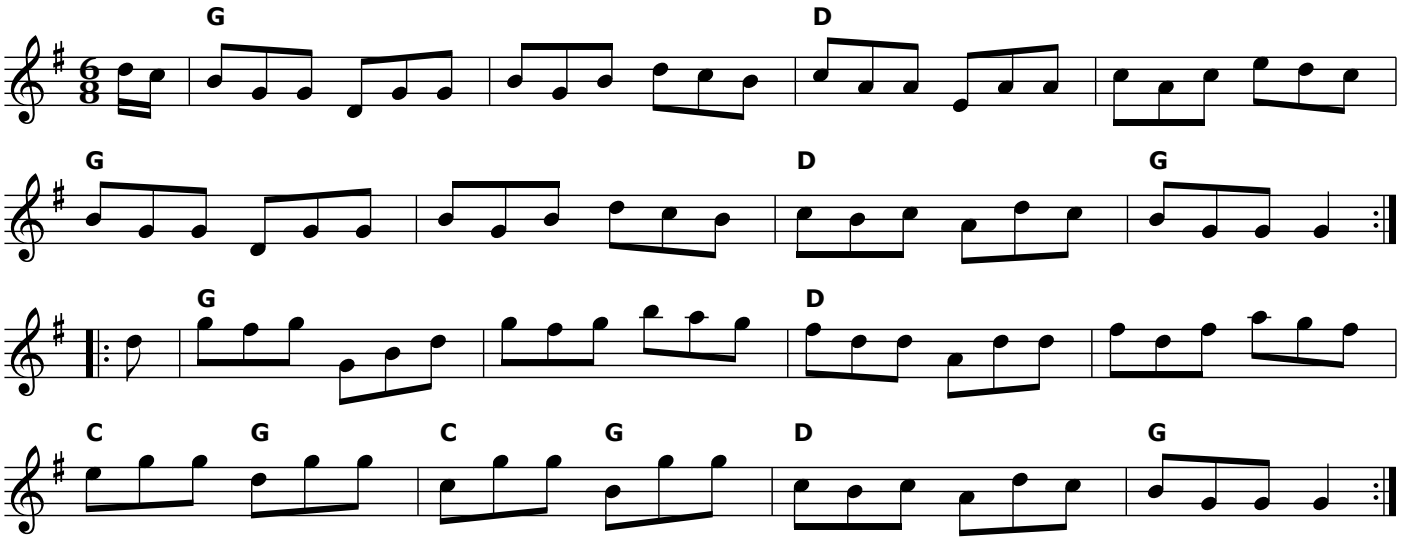
Trad.
England,Sussex



Jig
♩= 100

The Irish Washerwoman

Trad.
England, then Ireland

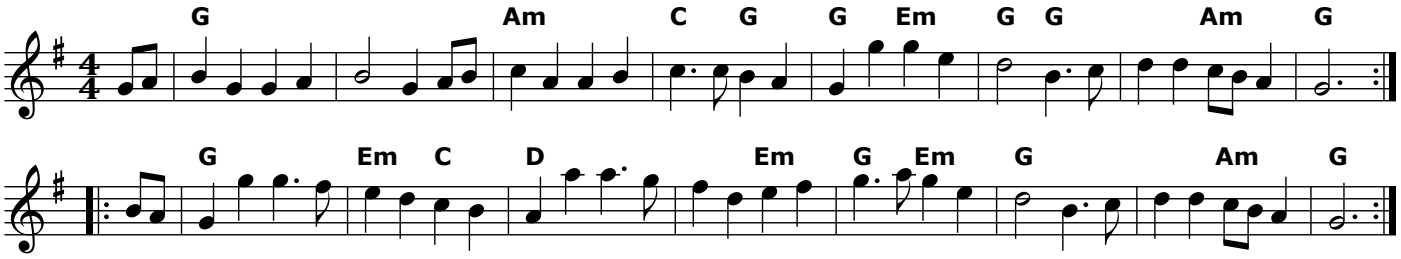


Reel
♩= 200

Jimmy Allen

Jamie Allen

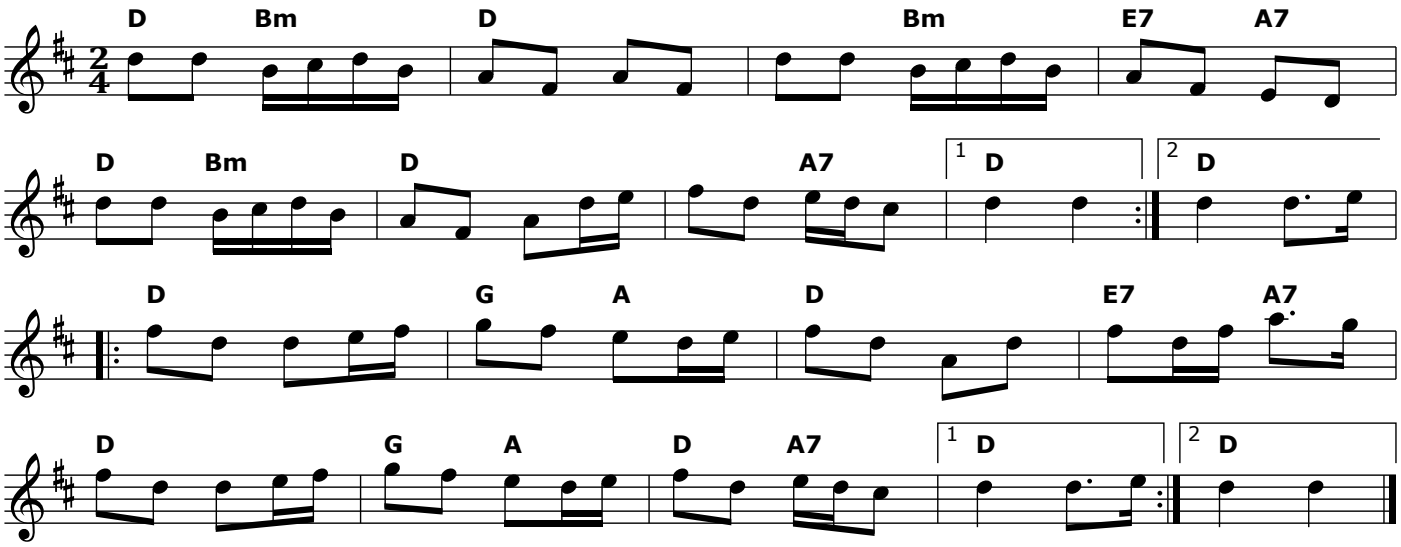
Trad.
England, Northumberland



Polka
♩= 120

John Ryan's; Meg Ryan's; Jack Ryan's

Trad.
Ireland



Reel
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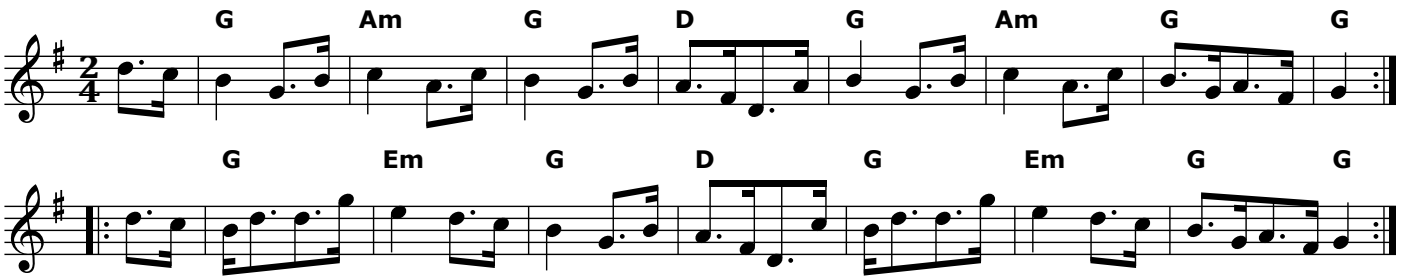
The Keel Row

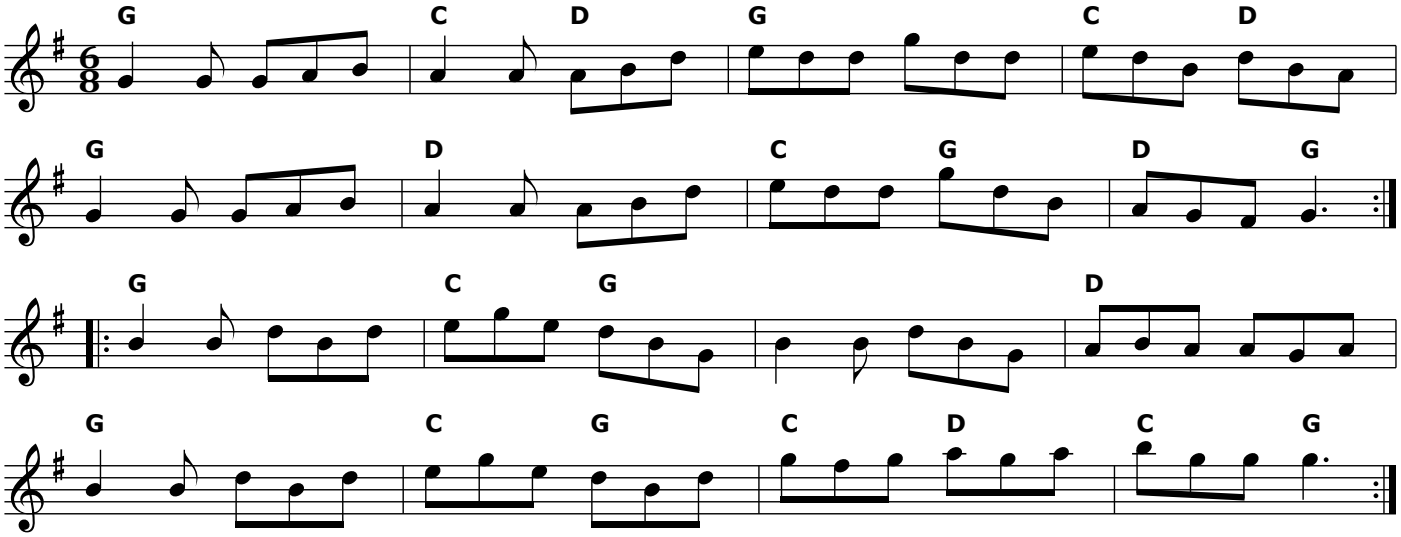
Trad.
England, Tyneside



Jig
♩. = 100

The Kesh

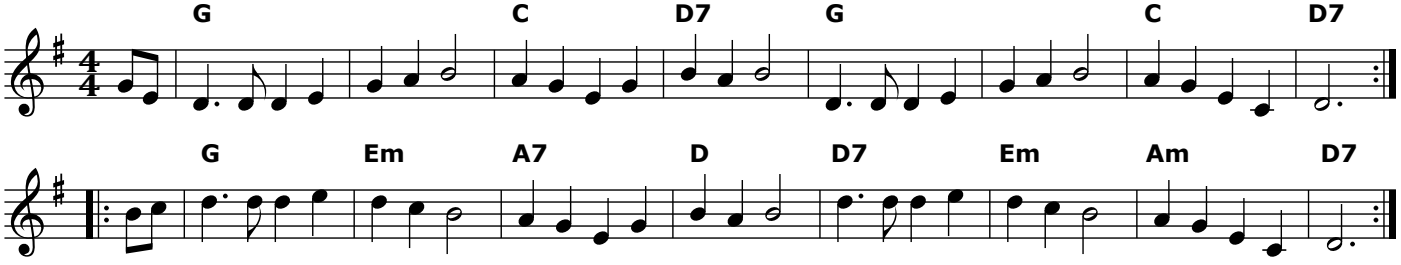
Trad.
Ireland



Reel
♩= 190

Mairi's Wedding
Mairie's Wedding

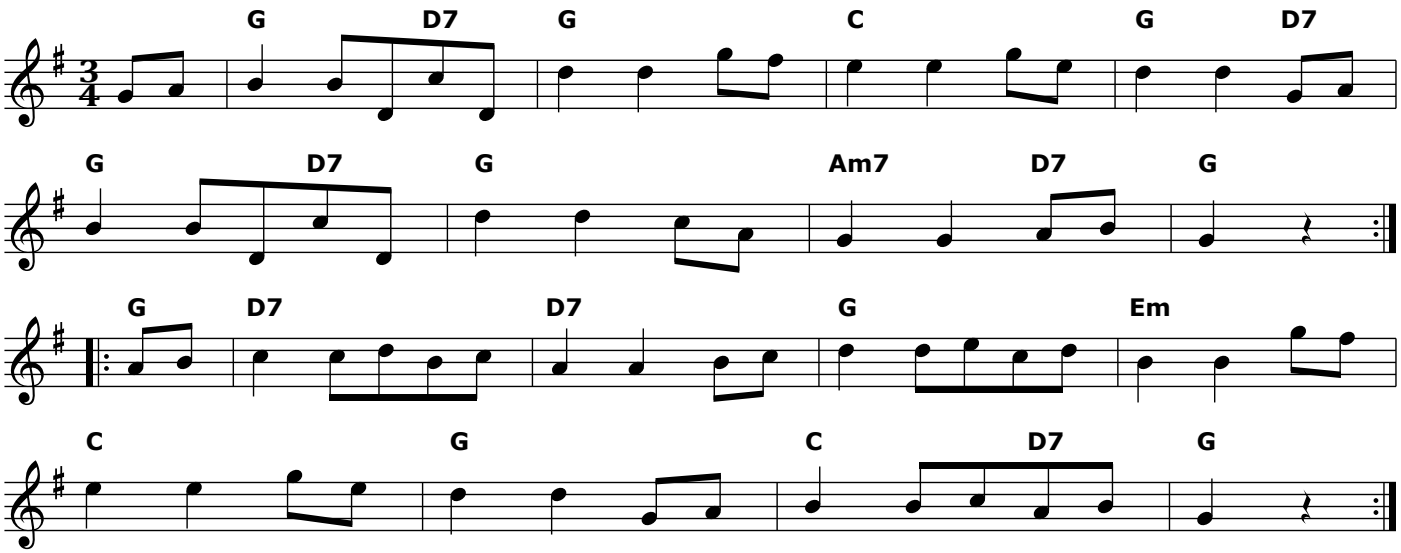
Trad.
Scotland



Waltz
♩= 100

Michael Turner's Waltz

Mozart KV 536#2 1788
Germany, England

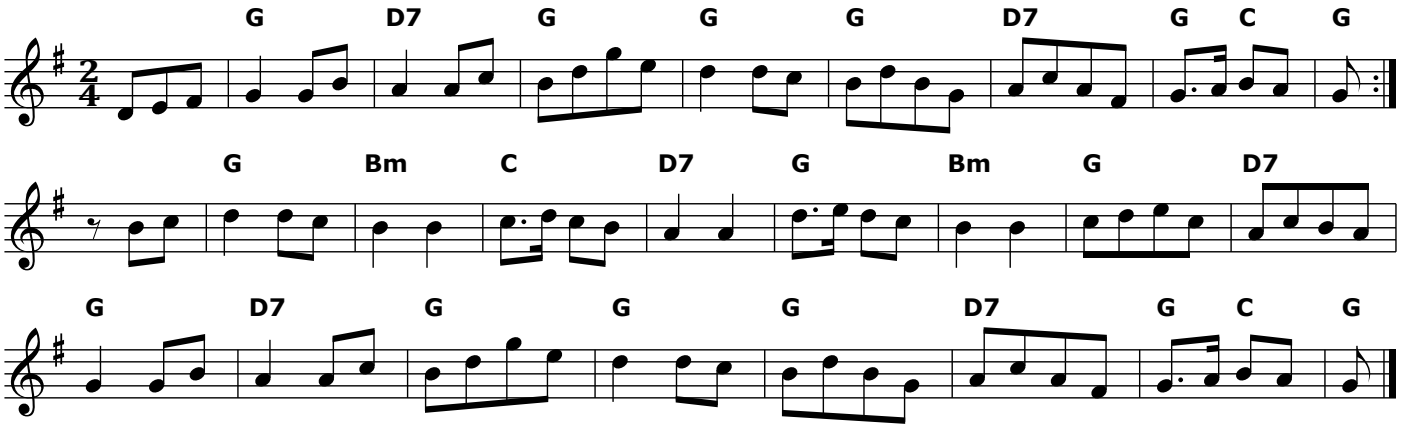


March
♩= 120

Monk's March

General Monck's March

Trad. (Monck marched in 1660)
England

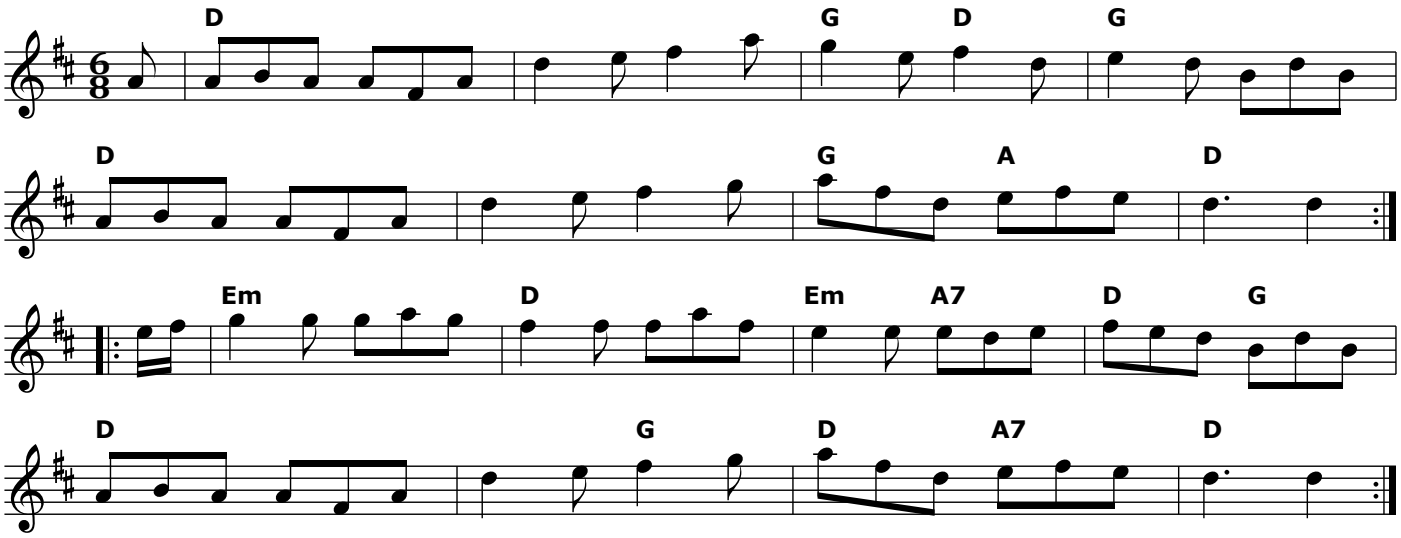


Jig
♩. = 120

Muckin' o' Geordie's Byre

Mucking Out the Byre

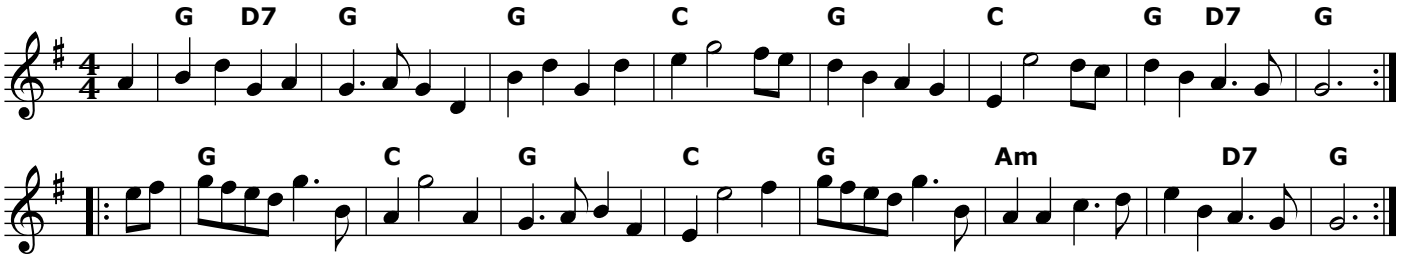
Trad.
Scotland, Hebrides



Hornpipe
♩= 160

Newcastle

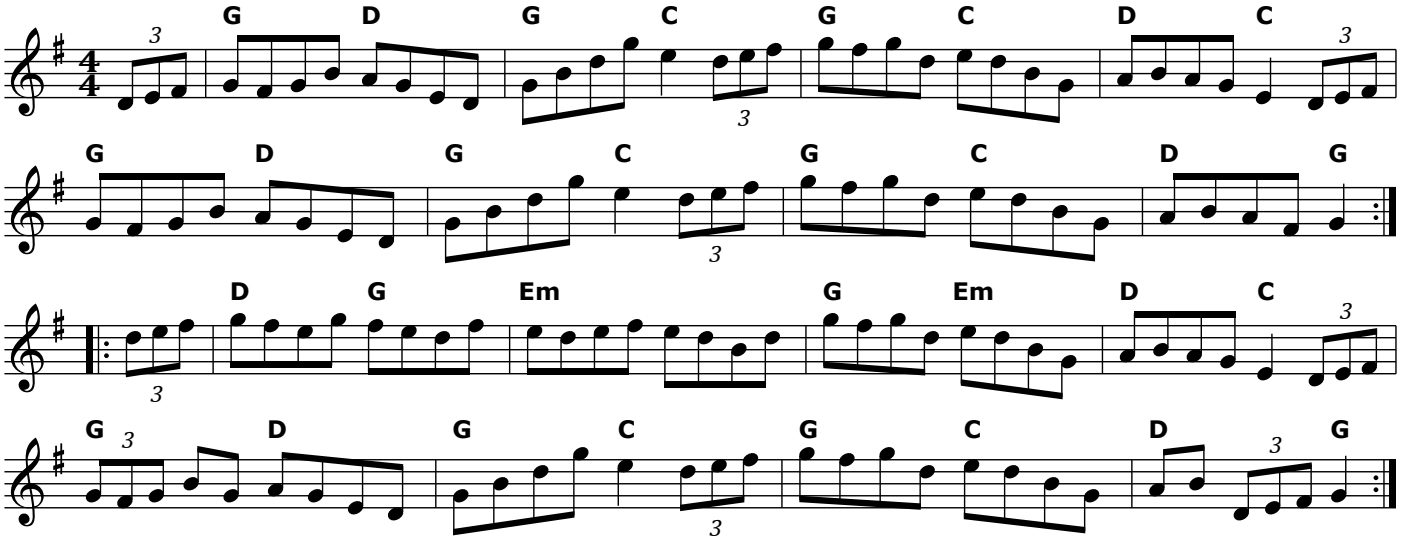
Trad. Playford 1651
England



Hornpipe
♩= 120

Off to California

Trad.
Ireland

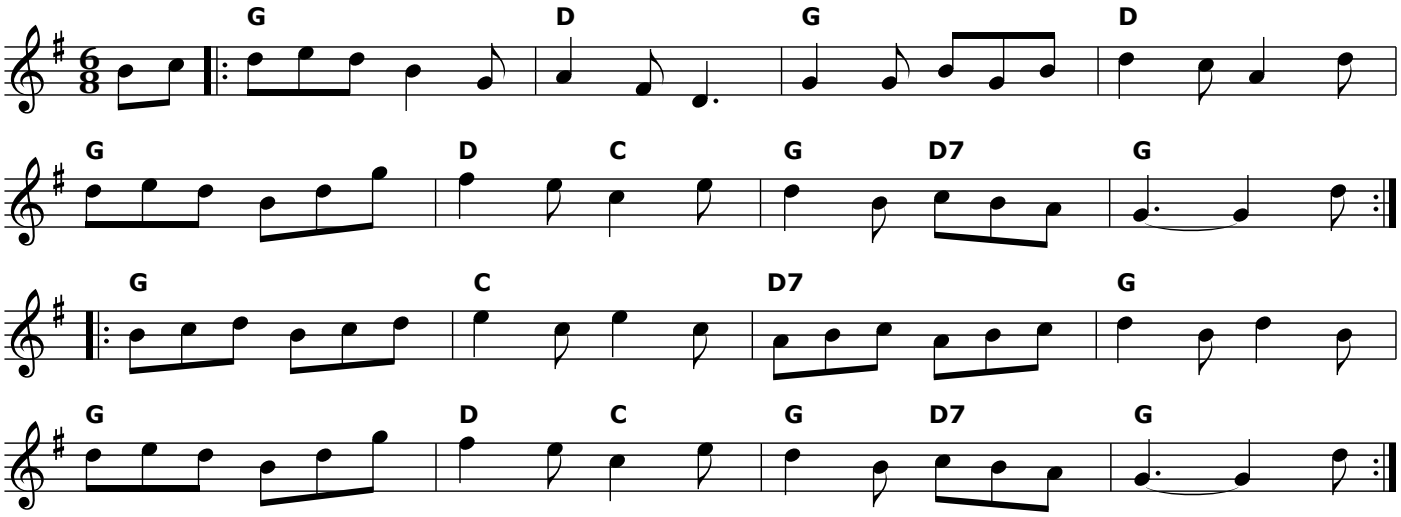


Jig
♩. = 120

The Oyster Girl

Kingsbury Jig

Trad.
England

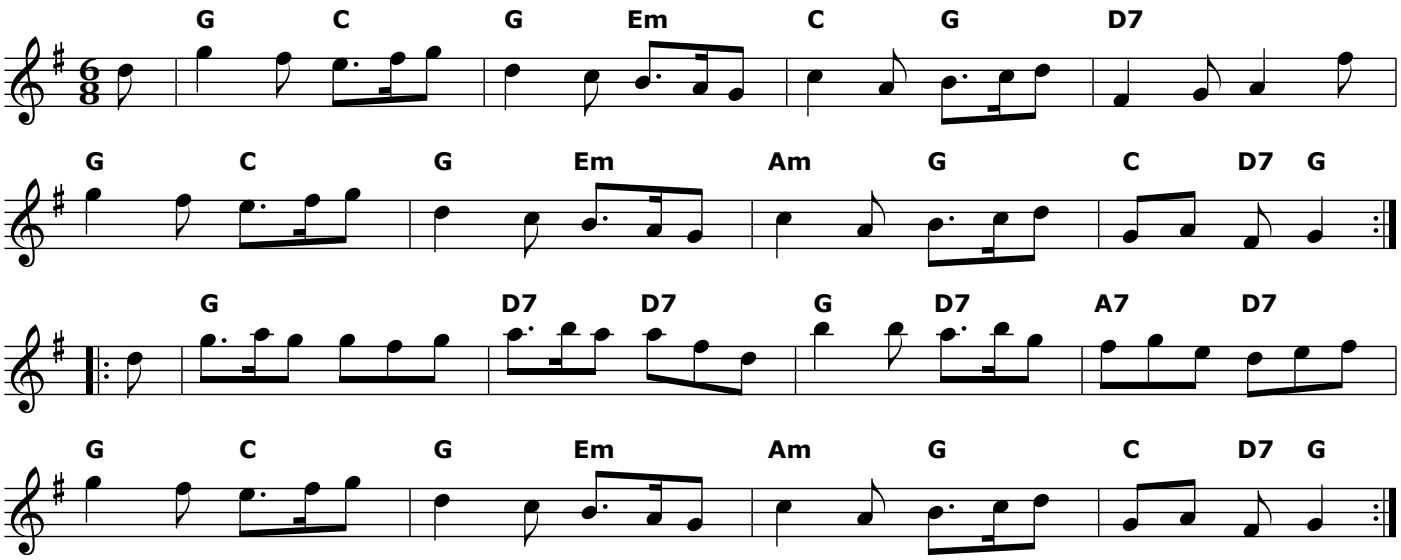


Jig
♩= 70

Planxty Irwin

Colonel John Irwin

Turlough O'Carolan (1713)
Ireland



Jig
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Planxty Fanny Power

Fanny Poer

Turlough O'Carolan (1732)
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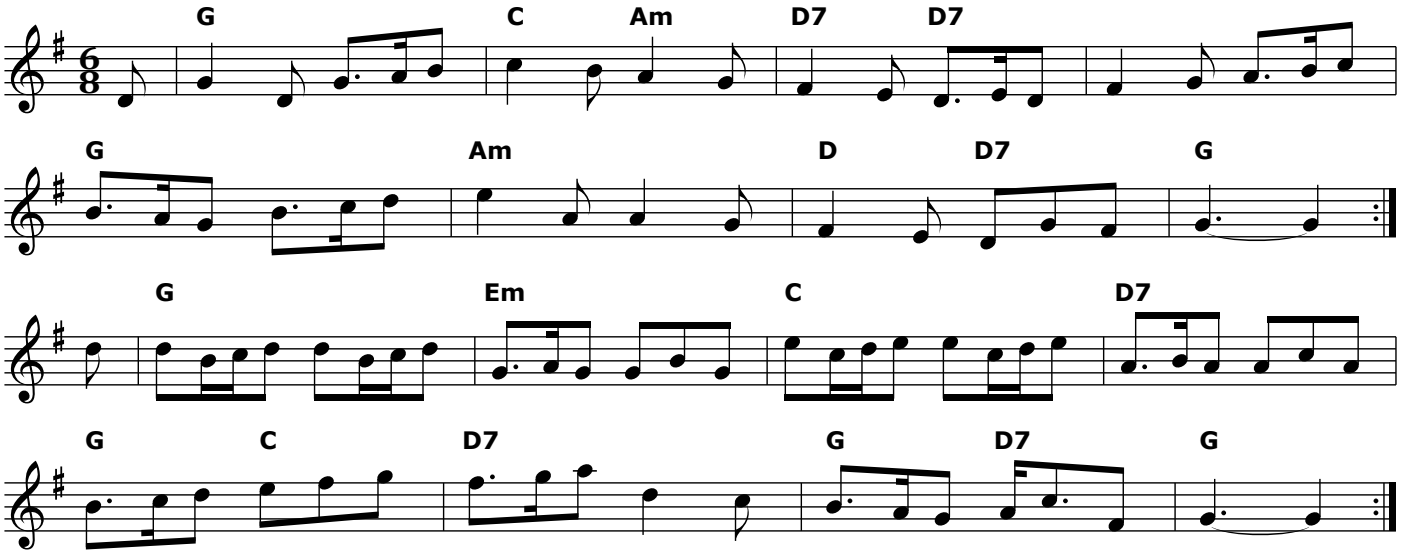
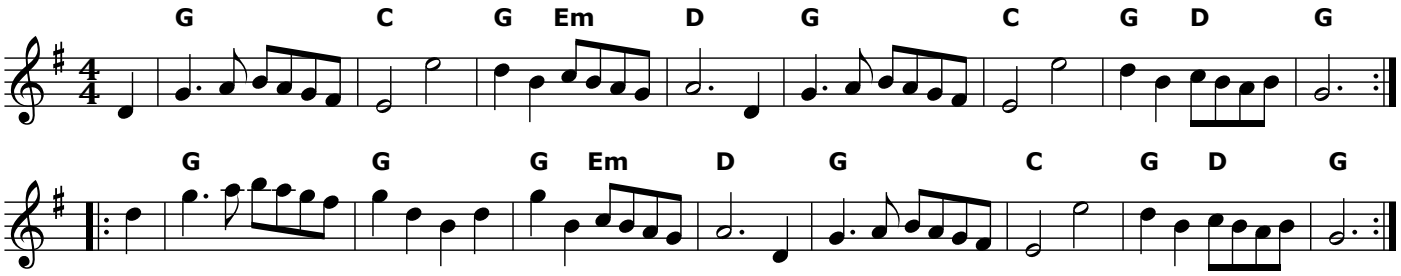


Hornpipe
♩= 140

Portsmouth

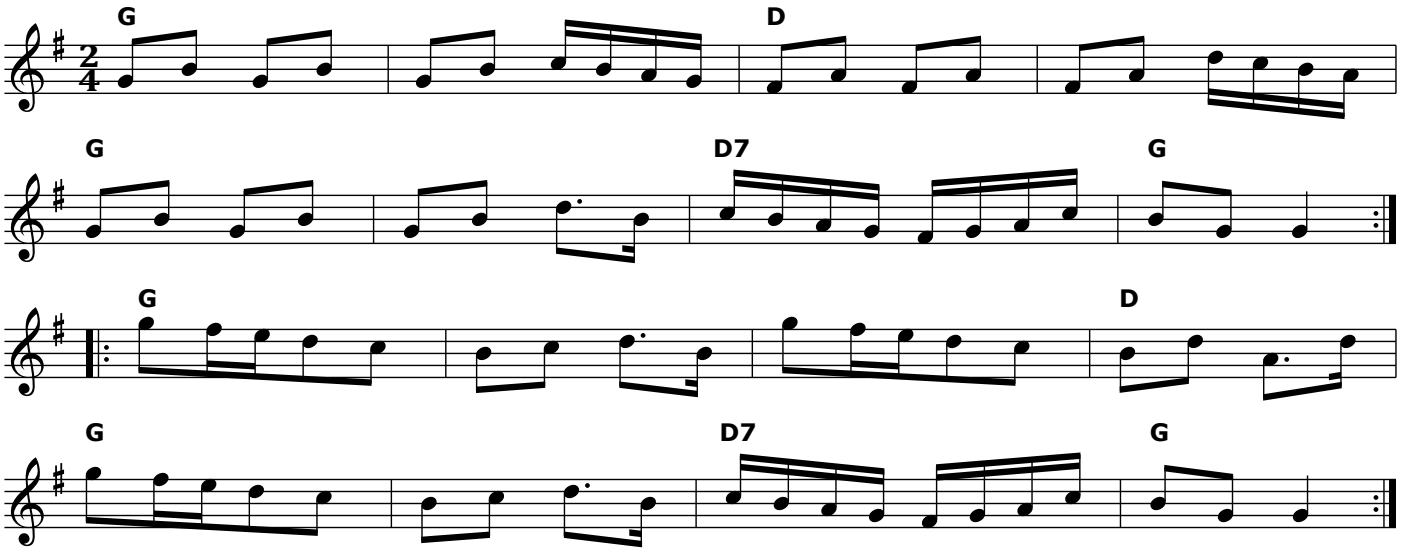
Trad. Playford 1709
England



Polka
♩= 120

The Rakes Of Mallow

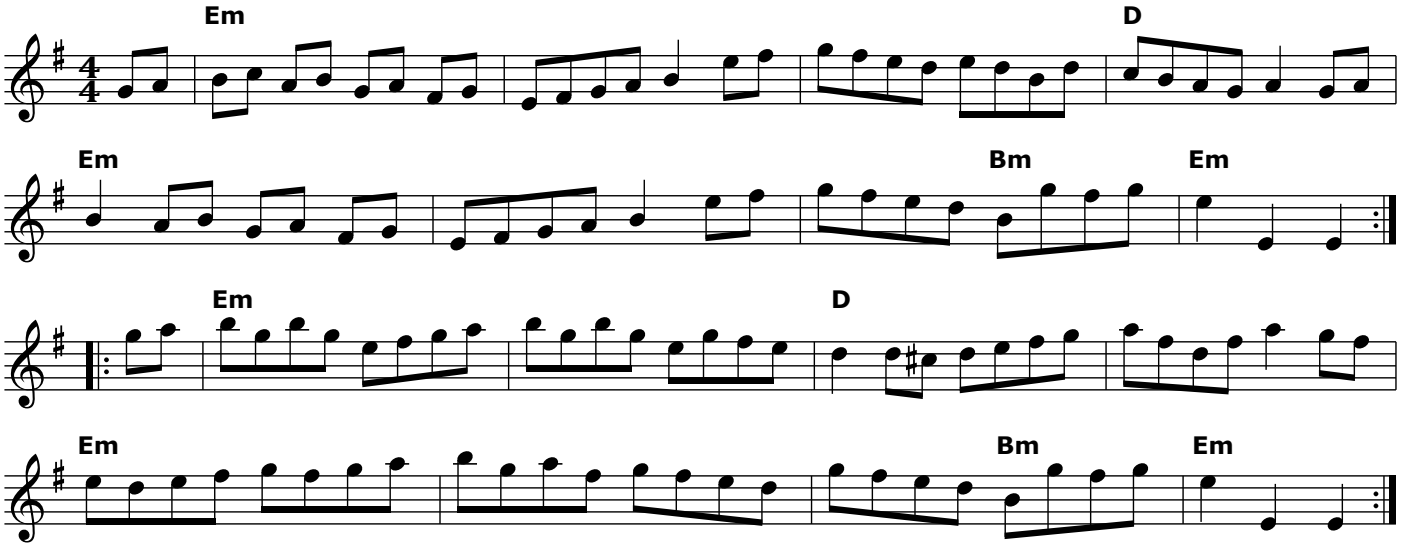
Trad.
Ireland



Hornpipe
♩= 120

The Rights of Man

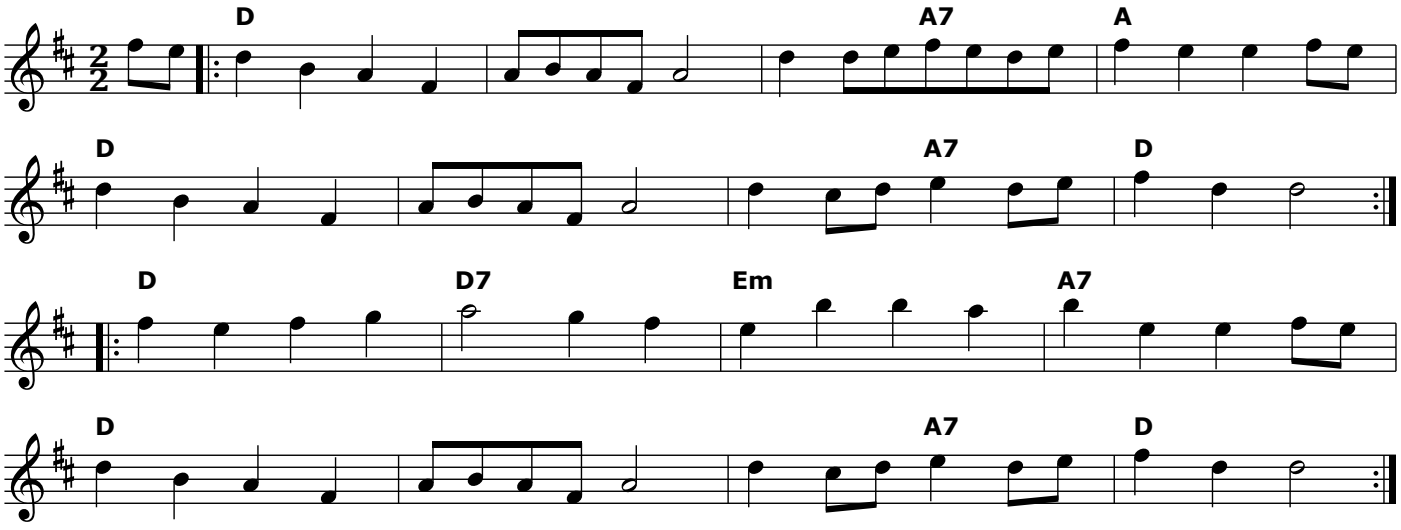
Trad.
Ireland



Polka
♩= 180

The Rose Tree

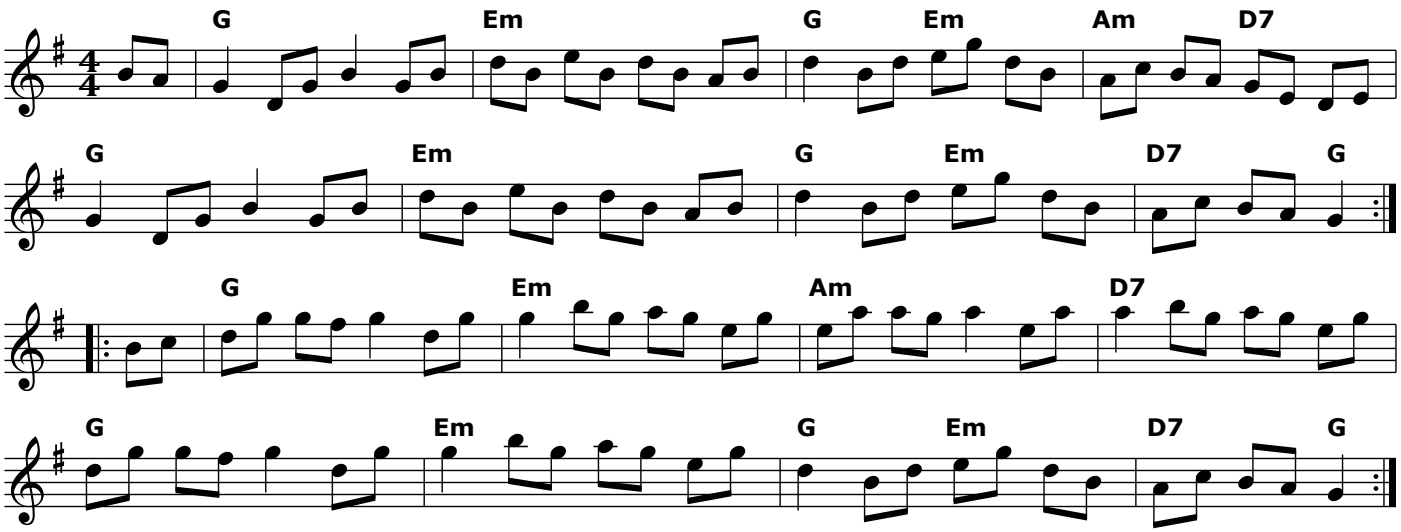
Trad.
England



Reel
♩= 100

Sally Gardens Reel

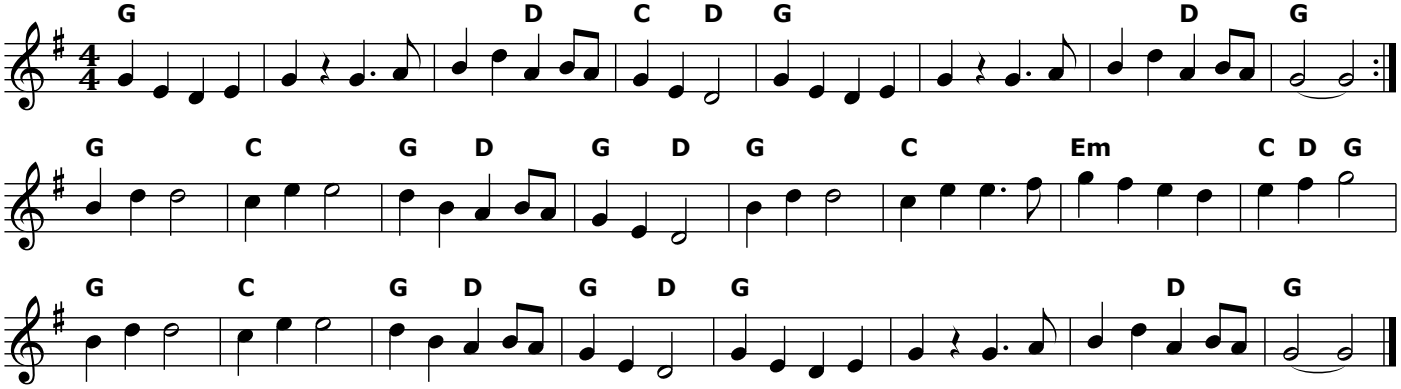
Trad.
England



Reel
♩= 200

Salmon Tails up the Water

Trad.
England, Northumberland

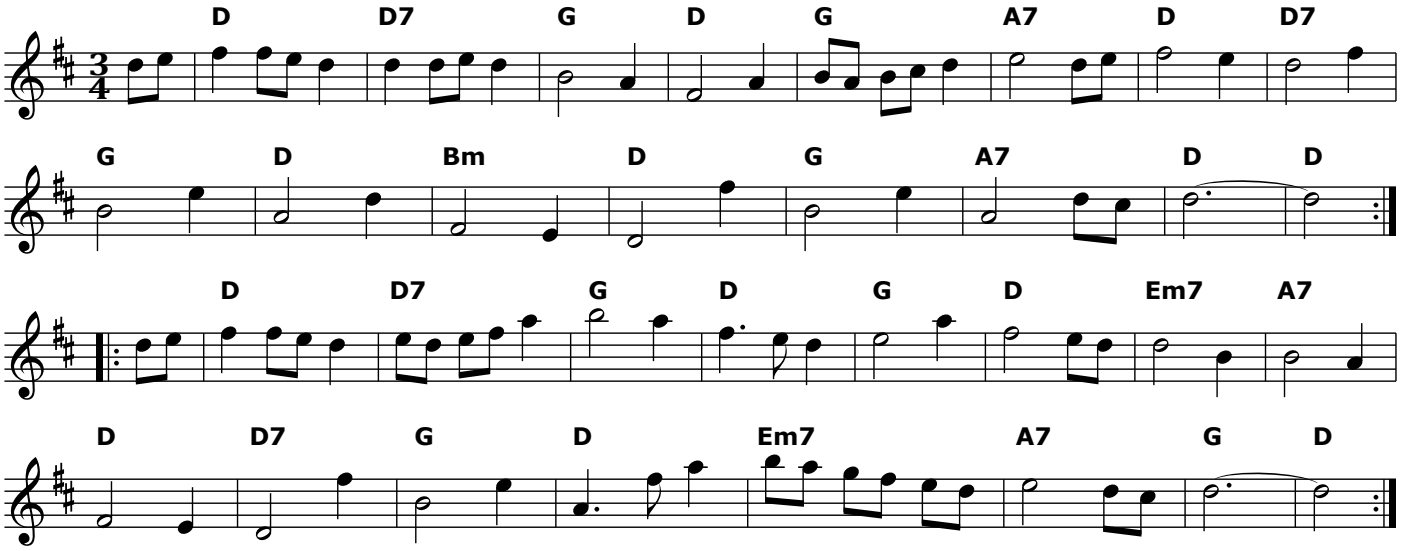


Waltz
♩= 100

Si Bheag Si Mhor

Sheebeg and Sheemore

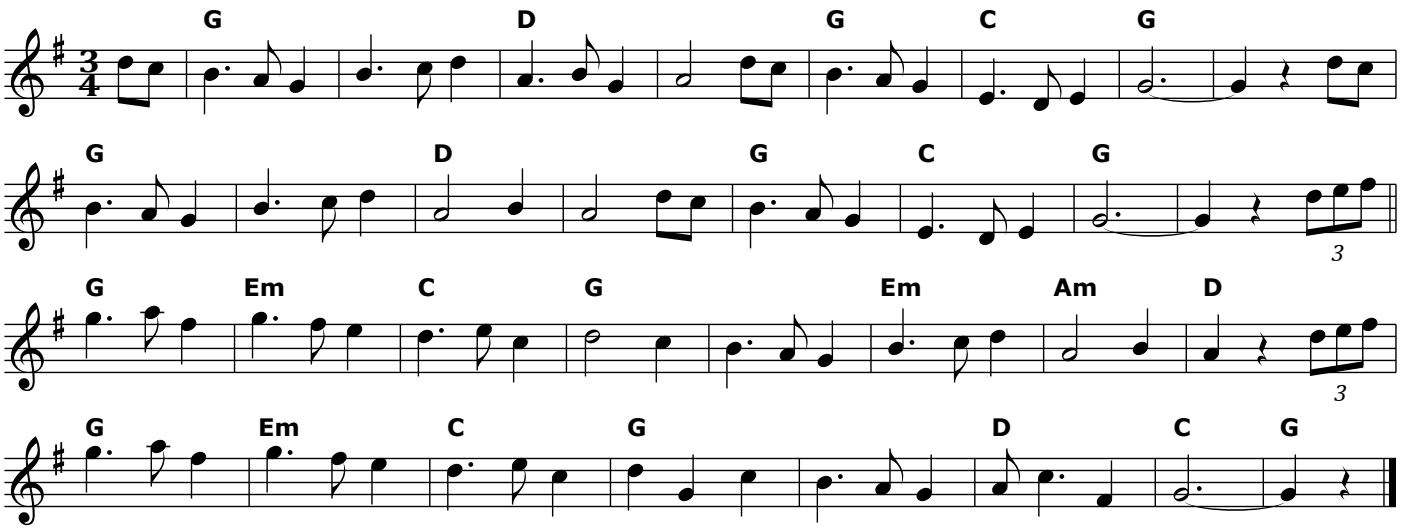
Turlough O'Carolan, 1691
Ireland



Waltz
♩= 120

South Winds

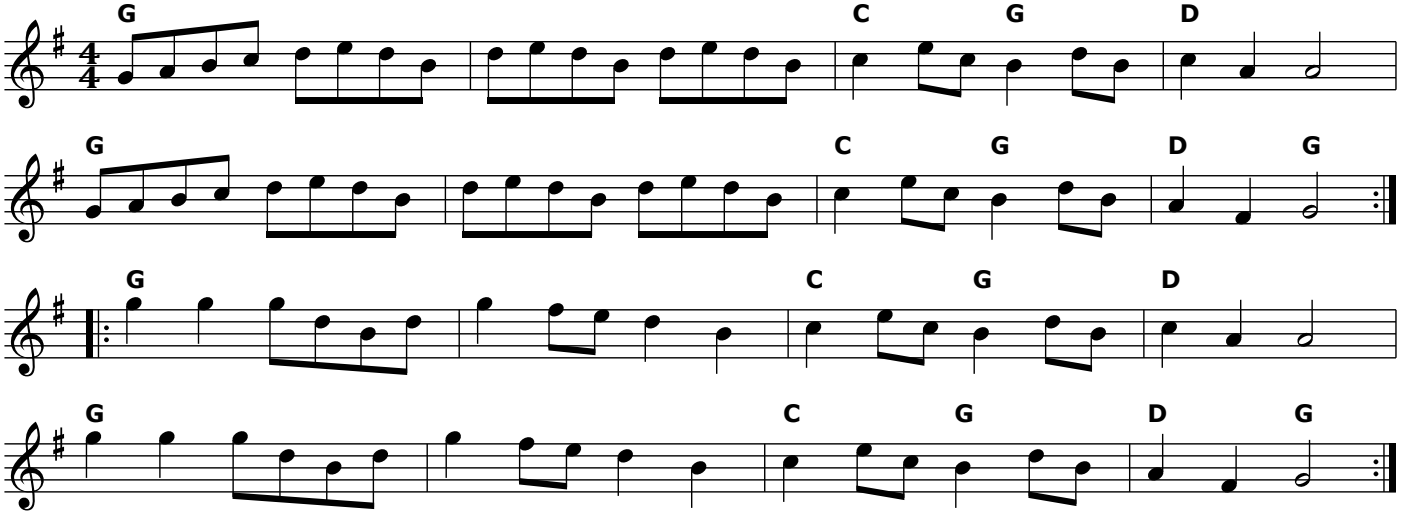
Trad.
Ireland



Reel
♩= 120

Speed the Plough

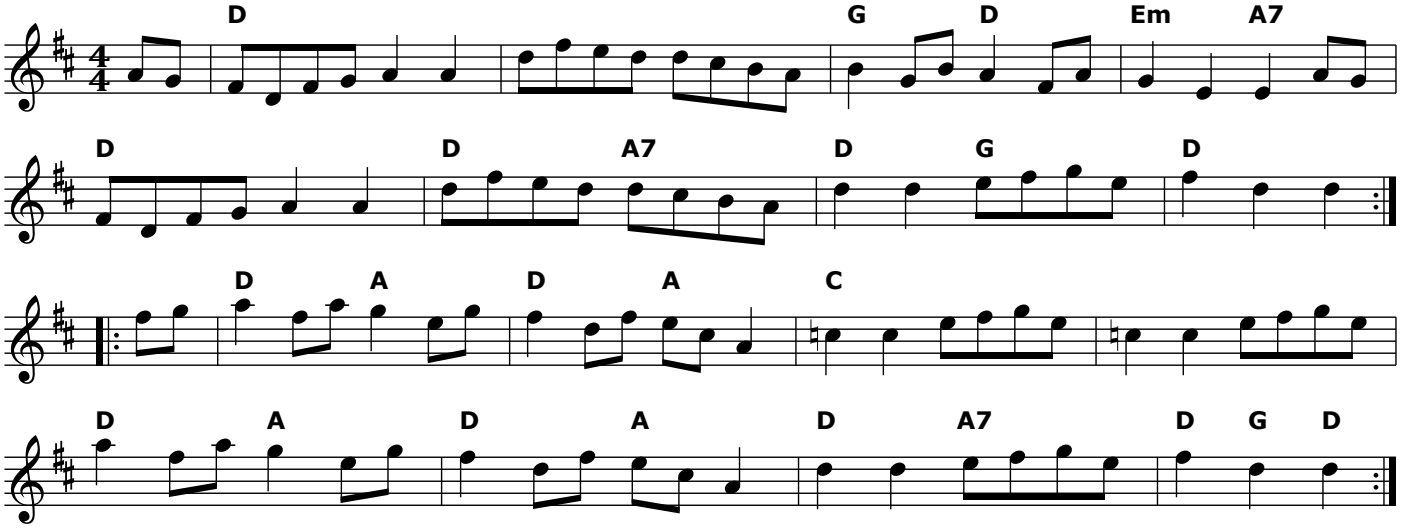
Trad.
England



Reel
♩= 140

Staten Island

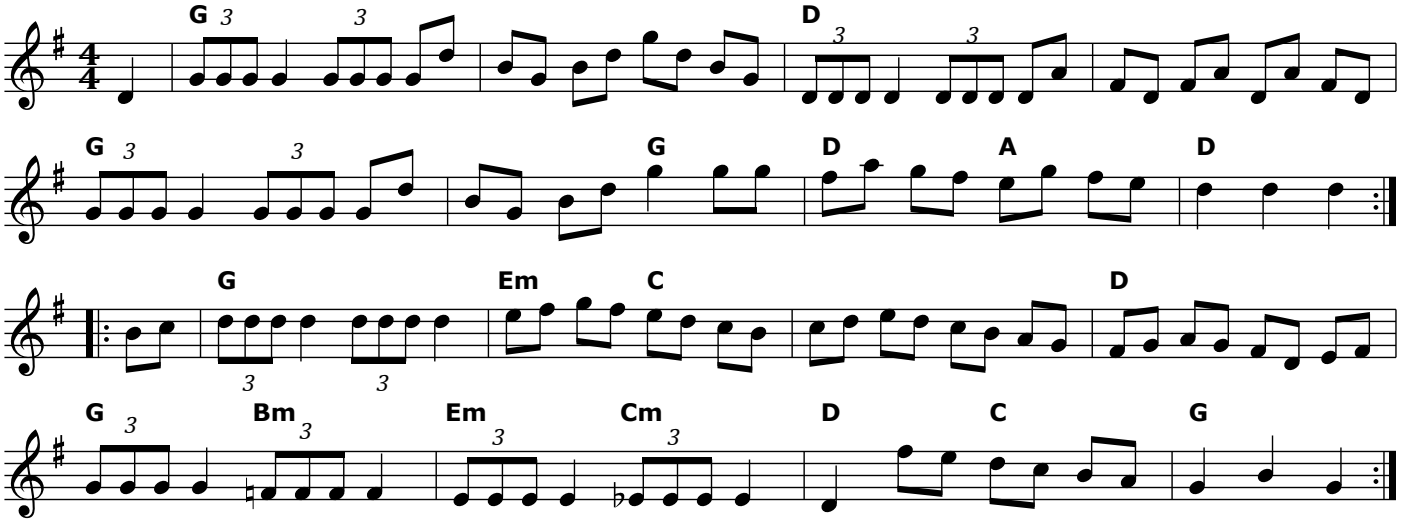
Trad.
Scotland



Hornpipe
♩= 130

The Trumpet Hornpipe
Captain Pugwash

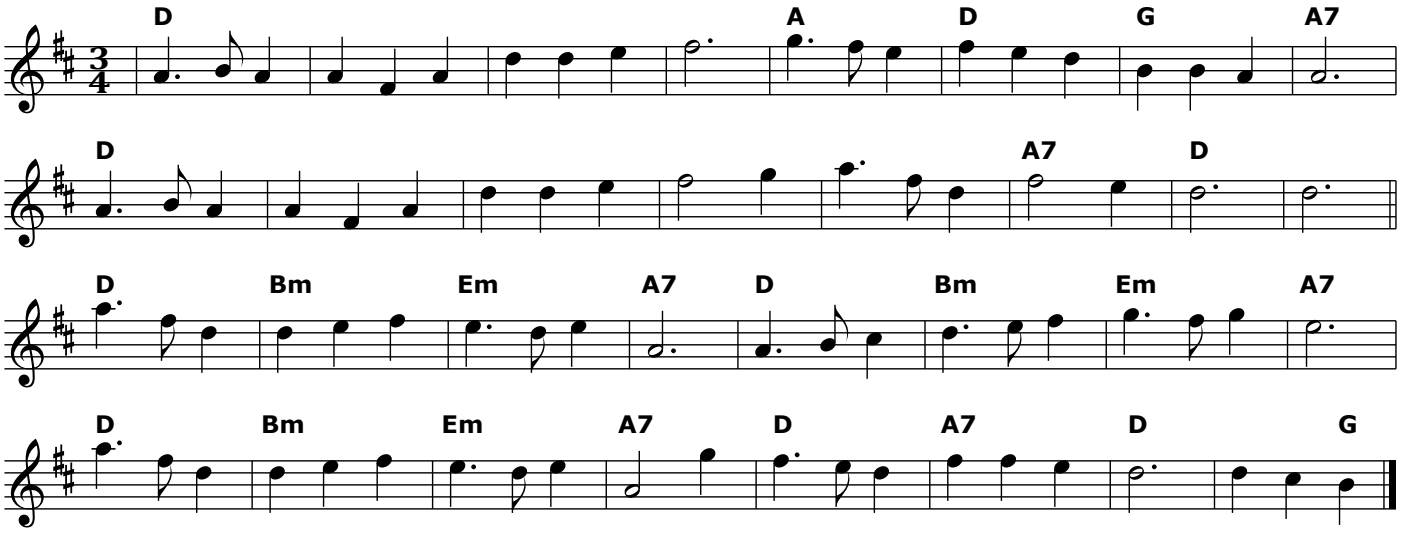
Trad.
England



Waltz
♩= 120

Westering Home
Trasna na dTonnta

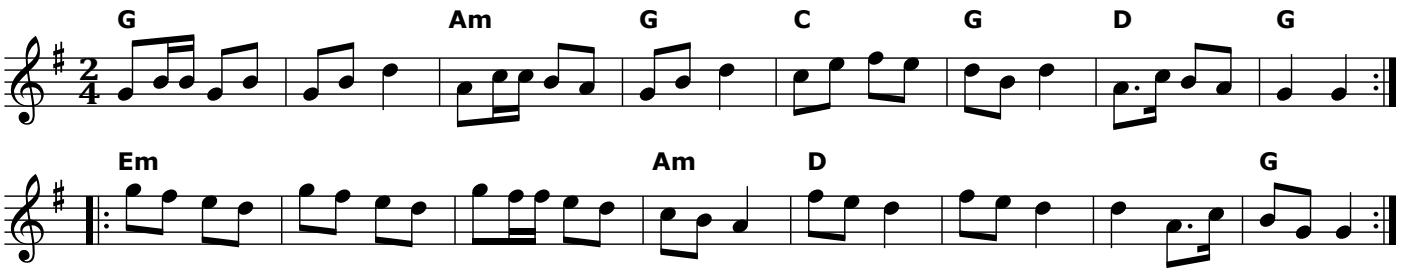
Trad. Words Hugh Roberton (1874–1952)
Scotland



March
♩= 120

Winster Gallop

Trad.
England



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