

Road to the Isles – Ceilidh dance, Strathspey

The Bens of Jura Road to the Isles

1891 John McClellan (Dumoon, Scotland)

System A:

Staff 1: [A] D G D Em A7

Staff 2: D G D A7 D G D

System B:

Staff 1: [B] D G D Em A7

Staff 2: D G D A7 D G D

The tune for this dance is the Bens of Jura.
Just repeat this tune over and over, for the dance.

Here are two youtube examples of this dance:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_g2boDNzpl

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8atNdDA3oQ0>

Highland Fling – Highland Dance

The Orange And Blue



Orange and Blue is the traditional tune played by pipers for the Highland Fling. This is a very bouncy dance, with dancers leaping off the ground as high as they can go, on every beat.

8 bars of music are played for the intro and bow for this dance, followed by 8 bars for each step of this solo dance.

Typically, the dancer will dance 4, or 6, sometimes 8 steps.

We will play this for a 4 step dance as follows: A, A, A, B, B

For six steps, we could play A, A, A, B, B, A, B

This tune is from TheSession.org, with changed notes as Mary remembers.

Because He Was a Bonny Lad

Scots Guards I

A D D E A D D E7 A

A D A E A D Bm E A

A D A E F#m D Bm E A

Carrick's Rant

aka The Smiths a Gallant Fireman

D V V D Em Em A

D D G D Em A

D V V D Em V G A

D D G D Em G

Cameron's Got His Wife Again

Arr. B.M.O. 1/99

ANCE

2x

Kerr, Gow, Hunter, Sleye

D A7 D7 G Em7-A7-D

D A7 D7 G D G Em7-A7-D

D Em D (F#) G D G Em7-A7-D

Triple S Tunes

Smashing Scottish Session Tunes

Miss Lyall

Athole

Arr. B. McO. 2/05

Am G Am Am-G-Am

Am D7 G Em7 Am F Dm-Em7-Am

Am G Am G Am F Dm-Em7-Am

The Braes of Mar (C.B. version)

from E. Baker

Arr. B. McO. 1/99

D D7 G A7 D Bm G A7-D-

D D7 G A7 D Bm G A7-D-

Em G G-A7-D Bm G A7-D-

D G D Bm G A7-D-

D Em A7 D Bm G A7-D-

Glencoe March

Traditional

$\text{♩} = 70$

D A D D G A D A

D A D D G A D A D

D G A D

G A D G A D A

D 2 D A D D G A D A D

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Triple S Tunes

Smashing Scottish Session Tunes

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The Kirrie Kebbuck, by J.S. Skinner

S.M.M.

Arr. B.McO. 10/03

D G A₇ D D G A₇ D D G

A₇ D-G- D G E_{m7}-A₇-D D D₇ G A₇

D D₇ G-A₇-D D B_m E_{m7} A₇ D₇ G E_{m7}-A₇-D

The Iron Man, by J.S. Skinner

S.M.M.

Arr. B.McO. 10/03

A E₇-A- A E₇-A₇-D A B_m E₇ A E₇-A-

A E₇-A₇-D A B_m-E₇-A A A

E₇ E₇ A A A₇ D A B_m-E₇-A

Balmoral Strathspey

Lead

BALMORAL strathspey

4 x 32 S

Arranged for Wild Heather
by Lynne Scott

1 Balmoral (Robert Gourley)

A D A E A E⁷ A D E⁷ A

A D A E A E⁷ A D A/E E⁷ A

A D A A E A D A A/E E⁷ A

A D A A E A D A/E E⁷ A

Calum's Road



The Sweetness Of Mary



Sweetness of Mary, The

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 12/16 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains measures 1 through 6, and the second system contains measures 7 through 12. The piece concludes with a double bar line. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: A, D, A, D, E, D, A, Bm, E7, A, E7, and A. The score includes first and second endings, indicated by bracketed numbers 1 and 2 above the final measures of each system.

System 1 (Measures 1-6):

- Measure 1: A
- Measure 2: D
- Measure 3: A, D, E
- Measure 4: D, A
- Measure 5: Bm, E7
- Measure 6: A, E7, A

System 2 (Measures 7-12):

- Measure 7: A, E
- Measure 8: D, A
- Measure 9: D, A
- Measure 10: Bm, E7
- Measure 11: A, E7, A
- Measure 12: A

Monymusk

The image displays a musical score for the tune "Monymusk" in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves, all using treble clefs and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a repeat sign after the first measure. The first ending is marked with a "1" and the second ending with a "2". The second and third staves continue the melody with similar rhythmic patterns. The score is written in a standard musical notation style, with notes, stems, and rests clearly visible.

The Lime Hill (by Dan R. MacDonald)

SRSNH 4.11

MacDonald - H.H.

Arr. B.M.O. 10/91

A D A A F#m Bm E7

A D A A7 D E7 A

A A F#m F#m D

A A A7 D Bm E7 A

LOWDENS BONNIE WOODS + BRAES

ARR G. BORLAND 2008

Arr. G. Borland
Chds. B.M.O.

D G A7 D Bm

G - A7 - D

D TR Em G A7 D Em7

G - A7 - D

Coilsfield House

Nathaniel Gow c1800

$\text{♩} = 100$

A

B

This is often played as a Strathspey ("Slowly") or a "Pastoral" Air.

Nathaniel Gow (1763-1831), the fourth son of famed Scottish fiddle-composer Niel Gow, honored Colonel Hugh Montgomery (1749-1819), Earl of Eglinton, in the parish of Tarbolton, Ayrshire, who was an amateur fiddler and Scottish music enthusiast as the dedicatee of "Gow's Fourth Collection of Strathspey Dances" (Edinburgh, 1800) and by naming this tune for his Montgomery family home.

"Coilsfield" refers to the grave of King Coil, which was reputed to lie nearby. Coil, or Coilus, or Coel Hen, was a British king (around 350-420 AD) in the Roman or post-Roman era who was linked to the Strathclyde area and who is probably referenced in the nursery rhyme "Old King Cole" - first recorded in William King's "Useful Transactions in Philosophy" in 1708-9).

The mansion was well-known to the poet Robert Burns (January 25, 1759 - July 21, 1796) when he lived nearby at Lochlea, for it was where he went to meet his Highland Mary (a dairymaid, Mary Campbell) at Coilsfield House. Burns wrote here was where "Summer first unfaulds her robes", and "they langest tarry". Their short romance was from spring to October 1786, she died of a fever caught caring for her sick brother.

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The Banks of Spey, A Strathspey

William Marshall (1748-1833), Scotland



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Poet Robert Tannahill wrote verses that fit Marshall's tune:

The Banks of Spey

*Scenes of my childhood, your wanderer hails you,
Wing'd with rude storm, though the winter assails you,
Bleak and dreary as ye are, ye yet hae charms to cheer me,
For here, amidst my native hills, my bonnie lassie's near me.*

*'Tis sad to see the wither'd lea, the drumly flooded fountain,
The angry storm in awful form, that sweeps the moor and mountain;
But frae the surly swelling blast, dear lassie, I'll defend her,
And frae the bonnie banks o' Spey I never more shall wander.*

Strathspey ♩ = 144

The Braes of Tullimet

Trad arr. Peter Macfarlane

Em D Em Bm Em

Em D Em Bm Em

Em D C Bm Em

Strathspey

The Braes of Mar

Trad Cape Breton version arr. Peter Macfarlane

D G D Bm Em A7

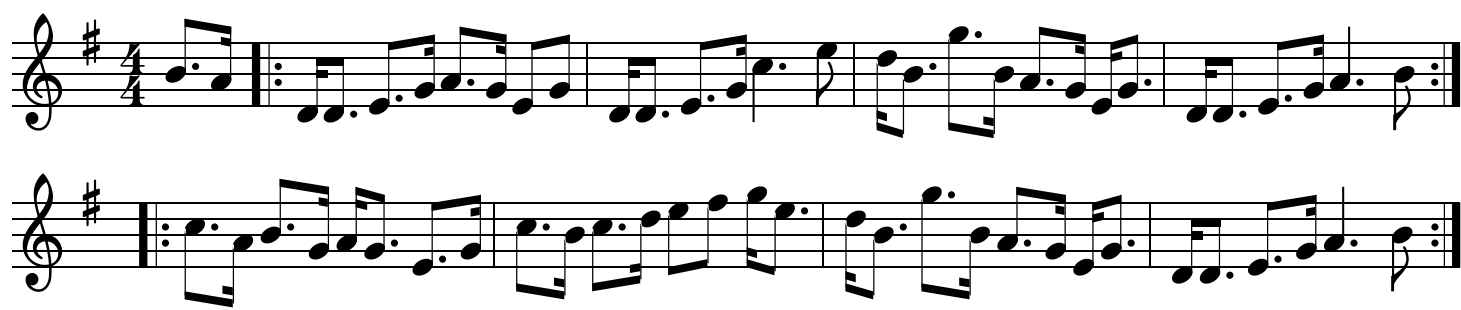
D G D Em A

Em G D A D

D G D G A

D Em D Bm A D

Invercald's Rant



The image displays the musical notation for "Invercald's Rant," a strathspey tune. It consists of two staves of music, both written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing beamed sixteenth notes. The second staff continues the melody, also in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp. The notation is clear and legible, with standard musical symbols for notes, rests, and bar lines.

Father John Angus Rankin Strathspey

Donald Angus Beaton



King George IV

Trad./Arr. Hamish Moore



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The Braes of Dunvegan

STRAIGHT IN

D G D G D/F# Em A7

D G D G A7 D

D G D G D/F# Em A7

A7 D G D G A7 D

A7 D G D G A7 D D7

Memories of Father Angus MacDonnell

G C G/B Am G C

G C G D7 G

G7 C G C G/B Am G C

G C G D7 G A7

Calum's Road

D G D G D/F# Em A/C#

D G D G D G D

G A7 Bm G A7 Bm

G A7 Bm G D G D

G A7 Bm G D G D CHORD

The Headlands

Ronnie Cooper

A A E A A7 D A A E7 A E A F#m B7 F# Bm

E7 A E A7 E D A D D#° E F#m Bm E7 A D A

B E7 A E A A7 D A A E7 A E A F#m B7 F# Bm

1 E7 A E A A7 D A D D#° A F#m Bm E7 A D A

2 E7 A E Em A7 D A D D#° A F#m Bm E7 A D A

Bowings are suggestions

Ronald "Ronnie" Cooper (1934-82) grew up in Lerwick, the capital and main port of the Shetland Islands, (123 miles off the north coast of the mainland on the east coast of Shetland) with Scottish Dance Music as played by Jimmy Shand and others. He first played accordion and then became very accomplished pianist with a unique and original style, due to his somewhat restricted eyesight. He was the first pianist admitted to the Shetland Fiddlers' Society (formed to revive Shetland's traditional music by Tom Anderson in 1960) and was the principal piano player of legendary local Lounge Bar sessions.

In the mid-60s, Cooper, on accordion, with his friends Willie Hunter (fiddle), Jim Halcrow (accordion), Willie Johnson (double bass), Drew Robertson (drums), and Eric Cooper (piano) formed the famous Hamefarers dance band. They played very little in public, but made a few records which included many of Ronnie's tunes. The five volumes of his compositions (now combined into The Ronnie Cooper Collection) have a unique Shetland flavor. His best known tunes include the march "Da Headlands"; the reels "Millbrae", "Peter Davidson", and "Da Tushkar"; and the waltzes "Ronas Voe", and "Sunset over Foula".

Rhythm: March

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Source: RCC / history FC

Lea-Rig-Type Songs ~ Page 1

The Lea-Rig

Words by R. Burns

RSCDS-21

Arr. B.M.O. 4/89

A

- E₇ - A E₇ F[#]_m (C[#]) B^m (D) (B) D E₇ A E₇ (G[#])

B

F[#]_m (C[#]) D E₇ A-D-A D-E-A B^m-A-D (C[#])

B^m (F[#]) D E₇ A E₇ F[#]_m (C[#]) D E₇ A-D-A

Wantonness

Words by R. Burns

Scots Musical Museum

Arr. B.M.O. 10/96

A

D Em₇ D B^m Em₇ A₇ D

B

Em₇ G D B^m₇ Em Em Em D

D B^m Em Em G D B^m₇ Em

Annie Laurie, by Lady John Scott

105 Songs

Arr. B.M.O. 10/87

A

D G Em₇ D B^m E₇ A₇ D

B

G Em₇ D A₇ D D A₇ D

D F[#]₇ B^m G Em₇ F[#]_m G D A₇ D

Lea-Rig-Type Songs ~ Page 2

The Flower of the Quern, by J.S. Skinner

S.V.

Arr. B.M.O. 5/89

A

G D Am-D₇-G G Em A₇ D₇ G D

Am-D₇-G C D₇ G G₇ C Am G

B

G Em A₇ D₇ G D C-D₇-G C D₇ G

John Anderson, my jo, John Words by R. Burns

Orpheus

Arr. B.M.O. 10/96

A

Am Am G G E₇ Am

Am G₇ C E₇ Am G₇ C

B

G G E₇ Am G F Dm Am Em₇ Am (E)

Jockie's taen the parting kiss Words by R. Burns

Orph

Arr. B.M.O. 4/89

A

D Bm Em A₇ D D D Bm

Em A₇ Bm G A₇ D D Bm Em A₇

B

D Em E₇ A D G A₇ Bm G A₇ D

Lea-Rig-Type Songs ~ Page 3

Snowy Breasted Pearl

Sweet

Arr. B.M.O. 5/89

A

A A A A F#m Bm E7 A

B

A A B7 E E7 D A

Bm B7 E E7 A A D E7 A

Durisddeer, by Lady John Scott

Orpheus

Arr. B.M.O. 10/87

A

D G Em E7 A A7 D

B

G Em7 D A7 D D D

G Em E7 A7 D G Em7 D A7 D

Here's to thy health (Laggan Burn) Words by R. Burns

Orph

Arr. B.M.O. 4/89

A

G D7 G G C D7 G D7

B

G C D7 G-C-G G G7 C G

C A7 D7 G Em C D7 G-C-G

Lea-Rig-Type Songs ~ Page 4

Gae Bring to me a pint o' wine

Words by R. Burns

105 Songs

Arr. B.M.O. 10/87

A

D D D Bm G A₇ D Bm

A D D A G D D-A-D D A₇

D Bm G A₇ D Bm₇ A₇ D D A G D

Mary Morison (The Miller)

Words by R. Burns

50 Burns

Arr. B.M.O. 10/87

A

G C G G Em Am D₇ G

C Bm Em B₇ Em (D) C G G

C Am D₇ G C Bm Em B₇ Em

A Man's a Man

Words by R. Burns

101 Songs

Arr. B.M.O. 1/96

A

A A₇ D E₇ A A₇ D E₇ A A₇

D E₇ A D E₇ A E₇

A A₇ D A F[#]m Bm₇ E₇ A D E₇

Lea-Rig-Type Songs ~ Page 5

I'm a' down for lack o' Johnnie

Words by R. Burns

Orpheus

Arr. B.M.O. 1987

A

G C D D₇ C D₇ G G Em

B

Am D C D₇ G G C D₇

G C Bm D₇ G Em A D C D₇ G

The Rowan Tree

105 Songs

Arr. B.M.O. 10/87

A

A A D Bm₇ E E₇ A

B

A D A E₇ A A D Bm₇

A F_m[#] B₇ E₇ A F_m[#] D A E₇ A

The Mill, Mill O

Words by R. Burns

Gow Vocal 1

Arr. B.M.O. 12/95

A

D D₇ G A₇ D G A₇ D

B

D D₇ G A₇ D A₇ D A₇

D Bm Em₇ A₇ Bm G A₇ D