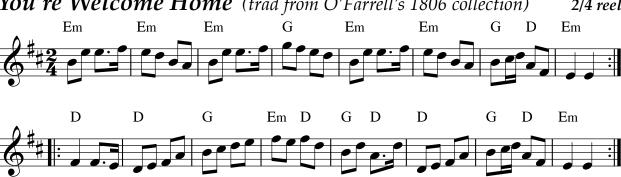
Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection







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While Ireland has an abundance of polkas, there aren't many in Scotland. There are, however, lots of tunes in 2/4 signature which have some of the same qualities which I love in polkas: there is a beautiful simplicity about them, they're easy to learn, and they're fun!

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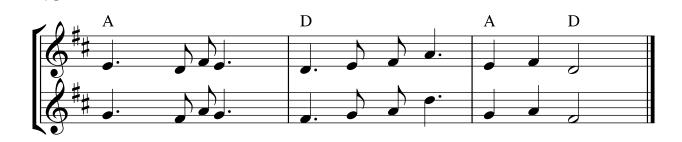
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The Welsh Collection



lullaby



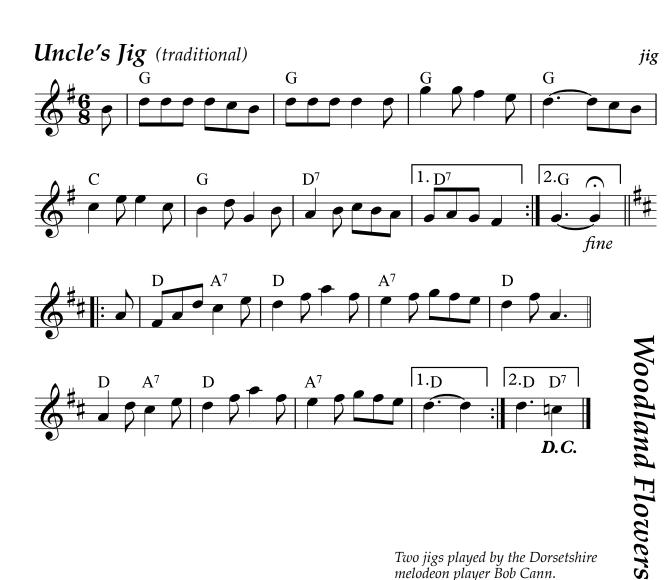


This is a traditional Welsh lullaby from the 18th century. It was used to great effect in the 1987 film Empire of the Sun.



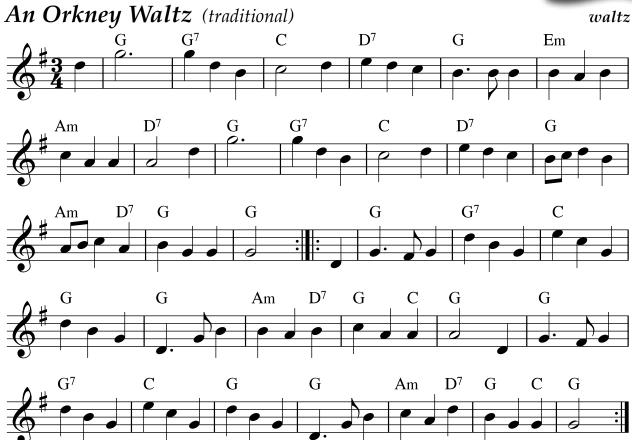
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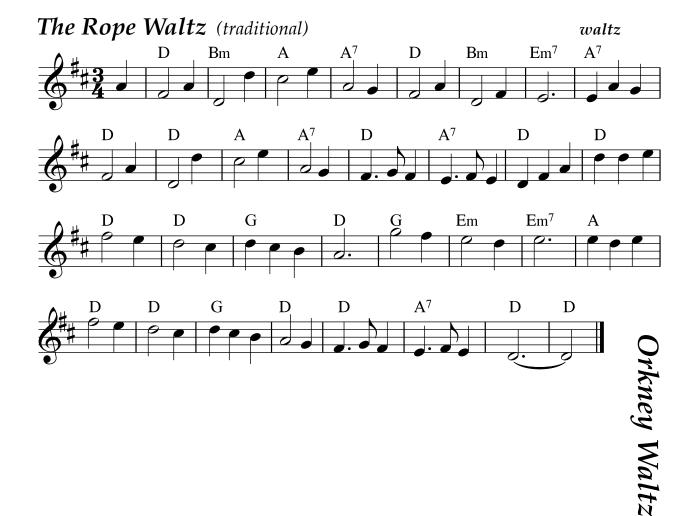




The Orcadian Collection





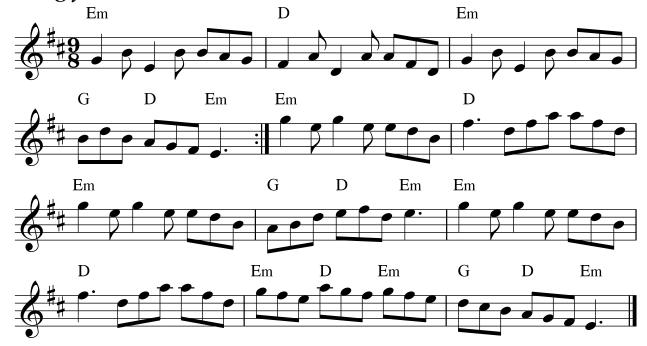


The Irish Collection



A Fig for a Kiss (traditional)

slip jig





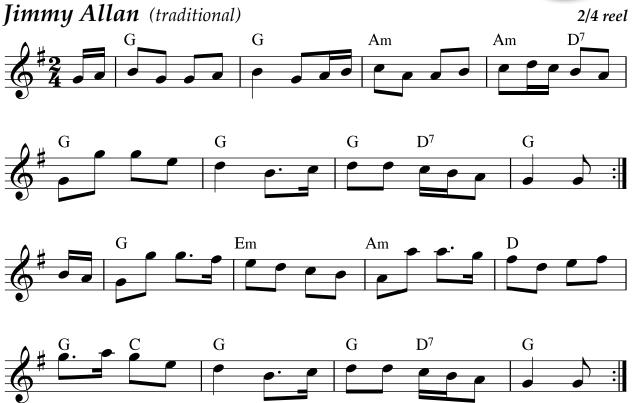
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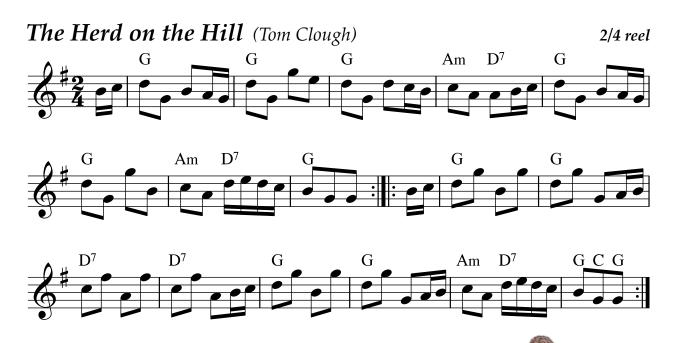
A slip jig is a fast
Irish soft-shoe
stepdance
which is danced
to jigs of 9/8
signature. Its
equivalent
in Highland
dancing is the
Scottish Lilt.

ig for a Kiss

The English Collection







Two tunes I learnt from the playing of Northumbrian folk musician Alastair Anderson. The first tune was named for a piper - Jamie Allan (1733-1810) - is known in Scotland as The Reel of Tullochgorum. The second tune is by another Northumbrian piper, Tom Clough (1881-1964).

The Manx Collection



Mona's Delight (traditional)





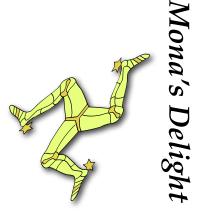




Step Dance (traditional)

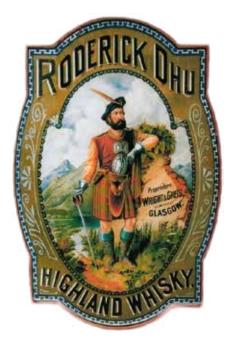








A melody associated with Sir Walter Šcott's narrative poem The Lady of the Lake. One of its characters - Roderick Dhu, chief of Clan Alpin - is outlawed after a bloodthirsty murder. This setting was published in Captain Simon Fraser's Airs and Melodies of the Highlands and Islands (1874).



Ruairi Dubh

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G / C /

1. I've travelled far, I've wandered wide,
G / D /
Seen the Hudson, I've seen the Clyde,
Em / C G
Courted by Loch Lomond side,
G / D G
But I dearly lo'e the Bor - ders.

G / C /
Ch: When I die, bury me low,
G / D /
Where I can hear the bonnie Tweed flow;
Em / C G
A sweeter place I'll never know
G / D G
Than the rolling hills o' the Bord - ers.

G / D G Amang the hills o' the Borders. *[Chorus]*