

Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

The Barren Rocks of Aden (A McKellar)

Musical notation for 'The Barren Rocks of Aden' in D major, 2/4 time. The piece consists of four staves of music. Chords are indicated above the notes: D, D, A7, D, D, A7, D, D, A7, A7, D, D, A7, A7, D.

79th's Farewell to Gibraltar (traditional)

Musical notation for '79th's Farewell to Gibraltar' in A major, 2/4 time. The piece consists of six staves of music. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, A, A, E7, A, A, A, A, A, A, A, Bm, D, A, A, D, A, A, A, Bm, E7, A, A, A, A, A, A, D, A, A, A, E7, A, A.

Barren Rocks

Aden, a port city in Yemen, was administrated by Britain from 1839 until 1967 when it gained independence. Although there is some dispute about the authorship of the tune, Alexander McKellar (1824-1895) of Argyllshire, who became Pipe Major of the 78th Highlanders in 1854, insisted that every note was his own.

