

The Carolan Collection



Carolan's Concerto (Turlough O'Carolan)

Musical score for Carolan's Concerto in D major, 4/4 time. The score consists of ten staves of music with corresponding letter-based notes below each staff. The notes are: ABC# D D D D C# B A B G A F# A E A D A; B C# D E D C# B A D A F# G A F# E F# G E F# G A F#; G A B G F# D F# A G F# E D D C# B A B D B D G B G B; A D A D F# A F# A G B G B E F# E D D C# B C# A A G; F# G A F# E F# G E F# G A F# G A B G A D F# E D C# D; ABC# D B A G F# E D A C# A B G ABC# D E C# B A D F#; E D C# B C# A A A A B G G G G A F# F# F# F# E D C# B C# A A A A; B G G G G B G B G A F# A F# E D C# B C# A B G A F# G E D A F# A D A F# A; G E B E G E B E F# A D C# B A G F# E F# G A B C# D E A D F# E D C# D.

Turlough O'Carolan was born in 1670 in County Meath. At the age of 18 he contracted smallpox and became blind, after which he was apprenticed with a harper. At 21 he was given a horse and a guide, and began life as an itinerant harper. Although he isn't regarded as one of the great performers, recognition for his talent as a composer is universal, and many of his tunes are still played today, 300 years later. Carolan died in 1738.



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