

The Irish Collection



The Galway Hornpipe (traditional)

hornpipe

Musical score for Mandolin in D major, 2/4 time. The score consists of four systems, each with a treble clef staff and a mandolin-specific staff showing fret numbers (0-5) and bar lines. Chord symbols (D, A7, Em, E7, A) are placed above the treble staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with several triplet patterns.



Like many hornpipes, this one is liberally sprinkled with arpeggio patterns. If we analyse the A part, we can see that the first bar is entirely based on the D major arpeggio. Following that, the second bar is a little run up the scale.

The second phrase starts again with a D arpeggio pattern

followed by two triplets on the E and A strings, then the same pattern but on the A and D strings.

The third phrase is a repeat of the first, and the fourth phrase contains the triplet pattern again, and a final arpeggio pattern.

Diagram illustrating the structure of the A part of the Galway Hornpipe, divided into four phrases:

- Phrase 1:** D arpeggio (DF#A) | run up scale
- Phrase 2:** D arpeggio | triplet pattern | pattern repeated
- Phrase 3:** phrase 1 repeated
- Phrase 4:** triplet pattern | D arpeggio = resolution

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