

Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

Port Lenox (Ruaidhrí Dall Ó Catháin)

The musical score for 'Port Lenox' is written in 4/4 time and consists of six staves of treble clef notation. The piece begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is characterized by a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplet-like patterns. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

In Scotland during the 1600s there were two blind harpers known as Rory Dall, or Ruiridh Dall, and there is some confusion about them and their respective compositions. The first, **Ruaidhrí Dall Ó Catháin** was born in Ulster, but spent most of his life in Scotland; the second, **Ruaidhri Dall Mac Mhuirich**, or Roderick Morrison, was born on Lewis. Whichever of them wrote this tune (the former is more likely), it is a example of 17th century harp music at its finest.



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