

Set 7: Hector the Hero - lament

Hector the Hero (J S Skinner)

D x2

Chords: D G D D G A
D G D G D A D
G Em D G D A
G Em D Bm D A D

Intro

Hector the Hero - harmony

Written by the celebrated fiddler James Scott Skinner (1843-1827) for Major General Sir Hector MacDonald (1853-1903), a soldier who rose through the ranks from a humble private to a distinguished general. Unfortunately, scandals in his private life led to his suicide in 1903. Notwithstanding, 30,000 people turned up to his funeral, and in 1907 a monument to MacDonald was opened in Dingwall. Skinner's famous tune also spawned a song in praise of "Hector the Hero, deathless in fame."