

Set 7: Hector the Hero - lament

Hector the Hero (J S Skinner)

D x2

Musical notation for the first system of "Hector the Hero". It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in eighth notes. Below the staff is a mandolin tablature with fret numbers (0, 4, 2, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0, 4, 2, 0, 2, 0, 4, 2, 2) and chord diagrams for D, G, D, D, G, and A.

Musical notation for the second system of "Hector the Hero". It continues the melody from the first system. The tablature includes fret numbers (0, 4, 2, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0, 0, 5, 2, 0, 0, 4, 2, 0, 0, 0) and chord diagrams for D, G, D, G, D, A, and D. A bracket labeled "Intro" spans the last two measures of this system.

Musical notation for the third system of "Hector the Hero". The melody continues. The tablature includes fret numbers (4, 2, 4, 2, 5, 4, 2, 0, 0, 4, 2, 0, 4, 0, 0, 4, 2, 2) and chord diagrams for G, Em, D, G, D, and A.

Musical notation for the fourth system of "Hector the Hero". The melody concludes. The tablature includes fret numbers (4, 2, 4, 2, 5, 4, 2, 0, 0, 2, 4, 5, 2, 0, 0, 4, 2, 0, 0, 0) and chord diagrams for G, Em, D, Bm, D, A, and D.

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."

Hector the Hero - harmony

Four systems of musical notation for the harmony of "Hector the Hero". Each system consists of a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps and a 6/8 time signature. The notation shows a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes.