

# 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 eight staves of music with corresponding chord diagrams above the notes. The chords are: D, A, D, A, D, E, A; D, A, D, G, D, Em, A; G, D, Em, D, A; D, A, D, G, D, A, D; D, A, D, A, G, D, A, D; A, G, D, A, G; D, A, A, D, Em; D, G, A, D, A, G.

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.



*Carolan's Concerto*