

The English Collection



Rothbury Hills (Jack Armstrong)

slow air

Musical score for Mandolin in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of seven systems of music, each with a treble clef staff and a mandolin staff (labeled T and B). Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

System 1: G G Am D7 G G

System 2: D7 G C G Am D7

System 3: G D7 G G C C

System 4: G G Am D7 G D7

System 5: G G Am D7 Am

System 6: 1. D7 G G | 2. D7 G G

The title refers to the Simonside Hills near Rothbury, Northumberland, about 26 miles northwest of Newcastle. The composer, Jack Armstrong (1904-1978), right, was from a family of miners, but later had his own band, The Barnstormers. In 1949 he became official piper to the Duke of Northumberland. I have transcribed the tune from a 1949 78rpm recording.



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