

# Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

## The Blackberry Bush (trad/P.M. D MacLeod)

pipe reel

The image displays the mandolin tablature for the pipe reel 'The Blackberry Bush'. It consists of nine systems of music, each with a treble clef staff and a mandolin-specific tablature staff below it. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The tablature uses numbers 0-5 to represent fret positions on the strings. Chord symbols (D, Bm, G, A, Em) are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure. The piece is divided into four parts, with the first part ending in a double bar line and repeat dots. The second and third parts also end with double bar lines and repeat dots. The fourth part concludes the piece with a final double bar line and repeat dots.

*Blackberry Bush*

Regarded by some as the greatest composer of pipe tunes in the 20th century, Pipe Major Donald MacLeod (1917-1982) was born in Lewis and spent a long career in the army. He

published several collections of his hugely popular tunes throughout his lifetime. MacLeod added the third and fourth parts to The Blackberry Bush.