

Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

Banjo Breakdown (unknown)

pipe jig

The musical score for 'Banjo Breakdown' is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of 10 staves of music. The chords used are A, Bm, E7, and D. The score includes first and second endings, indicated by '1. A' and '2. A' above the notes. The music is a pipe jig, characterized by its 6/8 time signature and rhythmic pattern.



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There is a certain amount of mystery surrounding this tune. Some people say it's American, some people say it was composed by piper Donald MacPhee, and I've even seen it attributed to Pipe Major Donald MacLeod. I've also read that it was published in the 1870s under the title Yankee. Whatever the truth is, it has been a popular tune with dance bands and pipe bands in Scotland for some time.