

The Irish Collection



hornpipe

The Galway Hornpipe (traditional)

The musical score for "The Galway Hornpipe" is presented in six staves. The key signature is D major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is 4/4. Chords indicated include D, A⁷, E⁷, Em, and A. The score features arpeggios and triplet patterns throughout.



Like many hornpipes, this one is liberally sprinkled with arpeggio patterns. If we analyse the A part, we can see that the first bar is entirely based on the D major arpeggio. Following that, the second bar is a little run up the scale.

The second phrase starts again with a D arpeggio pattern

followed by two triplets on the E and A strings, then the same pattern but on the A and D strings.

The third phrase is a repeat of the first, and the fourth phrase contains the triplet pattern again, and a final arpeggio pattern.

The analysis highlights four distinct phrases:

- Phrase 1:** Starts with a D arpeggio (DF#A), followed by a run up the scale (D-E-F#-G-A).
- Phrase 2:** Starts with a D arpeggio, followed by two triplets on the E and A strings, then the same pattern but on the A and D strings.
- Phrase 3:** A repeat of Phrase 1.
- Phrase 4:** Contains the triplet pattern again, followed by a final arpeggio pattern.