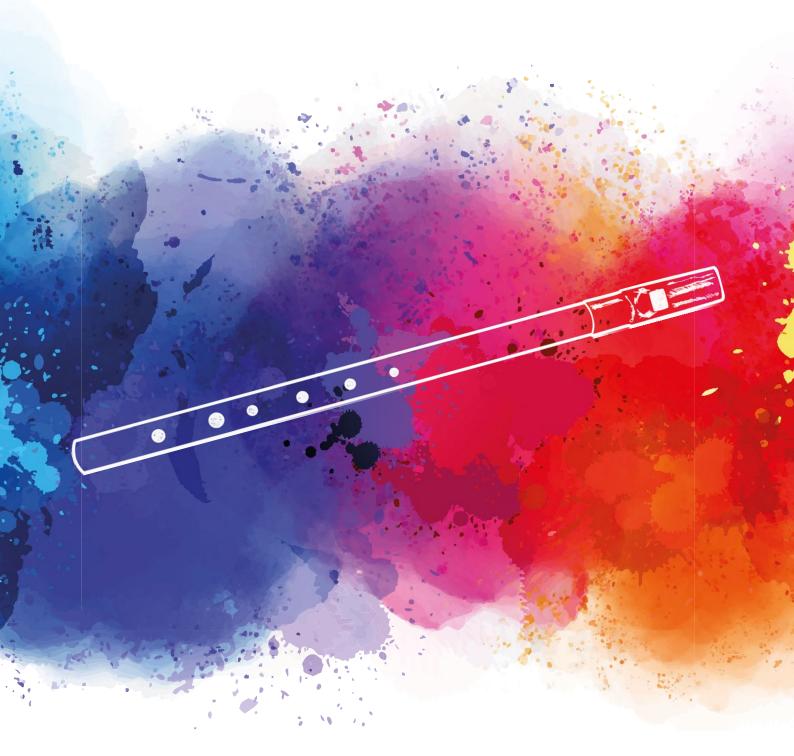
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This resource features a selection of tunes for those new to learning the tin whistle.

The material is divided up into different levels and these sit in parallel to Fèisean nan Gàidheal's tin whistle book, Stòras na Fìdeig, which can be found on their website: www.feisean.org

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We hope you enjoy learning all these tunes!

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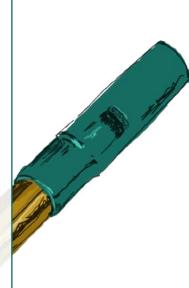
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Level 1 A G B F# **B**,**A**,**G**,(**F**#)

Mammy Is Sleeping

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Jig Trì Nota

Three Note Jig



First Day of Advent

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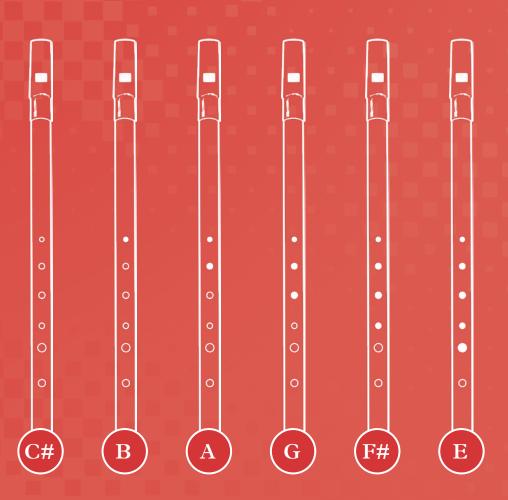
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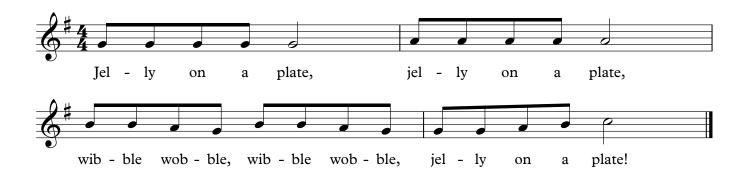
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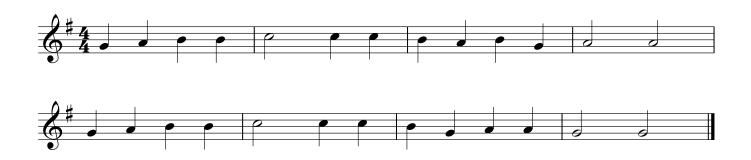
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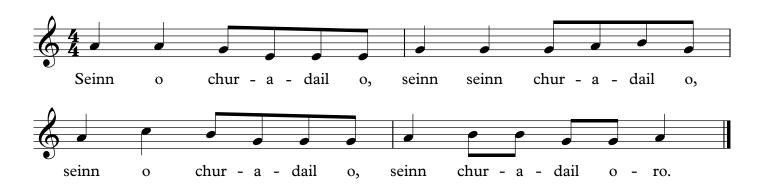


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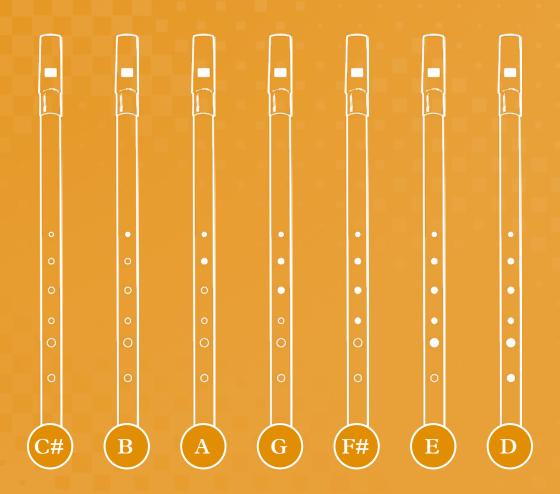
Five Note Reel



Sandyhills



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Tobar Tobar

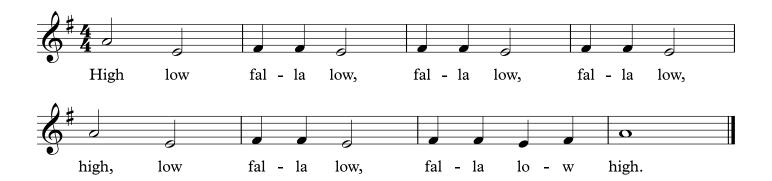


Tobar, tobar, sìolaidh Tobar, tobar, sìolaidh Toebur, toebur, shee-ah-lye

O well, o well, yield up your water.

Nighean Rìgh ag òl dighe 'S na gobhair ag èigheach Nyee-in ree uck awl jee-uh Snuh goe-ir uck ay-uch The daughter of a king taking a drink, and the goats bleating.

High Low Falla Low



This is a clapping game, done with a partner. Stand facing your partner and hold your partner's left hand with your own left hand. Following the words of the song, clap your partner's right hand with your own, above your held left hands, on the word 'high', then below the held hands on the word 'low'. Then clap on the back of the held hands on the word 'fal-la', and below them again on the word 'low'. And so on.

Damhan - allaidh

(Spider)



Damhan-allaidh, damhan-allaidh (Spider, spider) (Davan ally)
Beag agus dubh, beag agus dubh (Small and black) (Beag agus doo)
Càit a bheil thu a' fuireach? x2 (Where do you live?) (Catche vele foorech)
Air do cheann, air do cheann! (On your head) (Air do heean)

Air do shròin, air do shròin (On your nose) (Air doh hron) Air do bhrù, air do bhrù (On your tummy) (Air do vroo)

Alternative song to the same tune:

Seall an Sneachda!

Look at the Snow!

Seall an sneachda, seall an sneachda (Look at the snow) (Shall an shnachda)

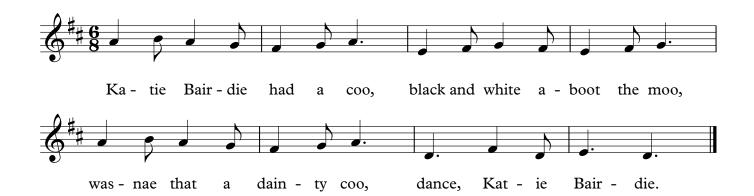
Tighinn a nuas, tighinn a nuas (Coming down) (Cheean a noose)

Feumidh mi mo chòta, feumidh mi mo chòta (I need my coat) (Feemee me mo hota)

Tha e fuar, tha e fuar! (It is cold) (Ha ee fooer)

This tune also works in the key of G

Katie Bairdie



Katie Bairdie had a cat,
It could catch baith mouse and rat,
Wasnae that a dainty cat,
Dance Katie Bairdie.

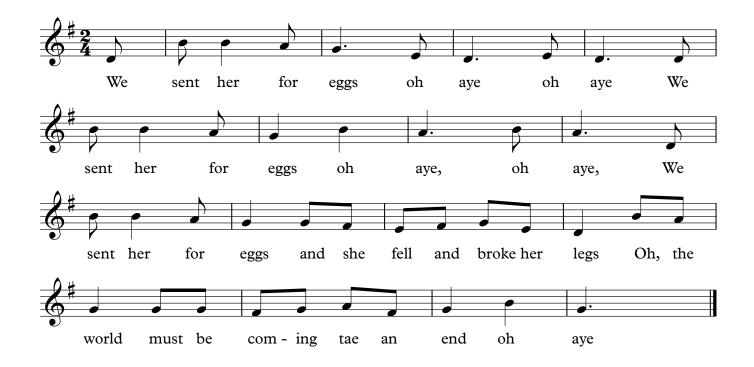
Katie Bairdie had a hen, Cackled but and cackled ben Wasnae that a dainty hen, Dance Katie Bairdie.

Katie Bairdie had a pig
It could dance the Highland jig
Wasnae that a funny pig?
Dance Katie Bairdie

Katie had a crocodile Havnae seen her in a while! (snapping crocodile sounds)

You can make up more verses for yourself!

The World Must Be Coming Tae An End



We sent her for cheese, oh aye, oh aye
We sent her for cheese, oh aye, oh aye
We sent her for cheese and she fell and skint her knees
Oh, the world must coming tae an end oh aye

We sent her for butter, oh aye, oh aye
We sent her for butter, oh aye, oh aye
We sent her for butter and she dropped it in the gutter
Oh, the world must be coming tae an end oh aye

We sent her for jam, oh aye, oh aye
We sent her for jam, oh aye, oh aye
We sent her for jam and she brought back ham
Oh, the world must be coming tae an end oh aye

We sent her for breid, oh aye, oh aye
We sent her for breid, oh aye, oh aye
We sent her for breid and she dropped doon deid
Oh, the world must be coming tae an end oh aye

Witches Reel



Cummer, go ye before, cummer go ye
If ye willna go before, cummer, let me
Ring-a-ring-a-widdershins
Linkin lithely widdershins
Cummer, carlin, crone and queen
Roun go we

Cummer, go ye before, cummer, go ye If ye willna go before, cummer, let me Ring-a-ring-a-widdershins
Loupin lightly widdershins
Kilted coats and fleein hair
Three times three

Cummer go ye before, cummer, go ye
If ye willna go before, cummer, let me
Ring-a-ring-a-widdershins
Whirlin skirlin widdershins
De'il tak the hindmost
Wha e'er she be

Words:

Carlin: old woman, witch Cummer: woman friend, witch

> Deil: devil Fleein: flying

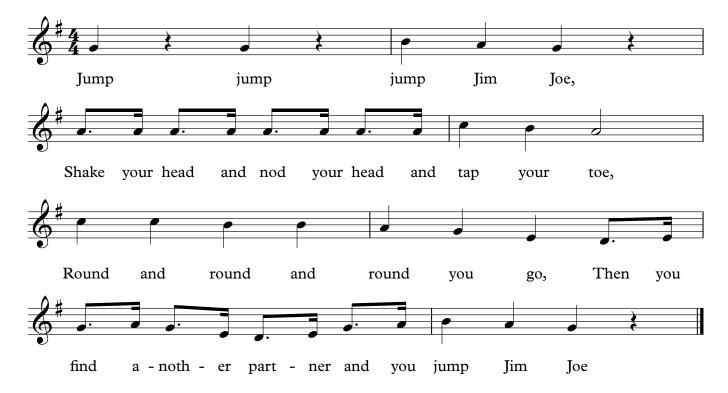
Hindmost: last, furthest behind

Kilted: tucked up Loupin: jumping, leaping

Queen: quean or quine, girl, woman

Skirlin: screeching Widdershins: anti-clockwise

Jump Jim Joe



This can be done as a dance. Find a partner and then, holding hands with your partner, follow the actions in the song. During 'find another partner', larger groups than couples can also be made by the teacher calling out a number. Make sure that no-one is left out.

Some pupils could play the melody on the whistle while the rest of the class perform the dance.

Och Is Duine Truagh Mi

I Am A Poor Man



More Brose, Less Butter



Am Fonn A Deas

The Southern Tune



Level 4 D'B G \bigcirc A E C# D [F#]

D'C#,C,B,A,G,F#,E,D

Oor Wee Wean



Oor wee wean can sook a bar o' choco-late, oor wee wean can sook a bar a day.



It can be fun to make up your own verses for this song, some other examples here: Oor wee wean can lick a stick o' licorice....

Oor wee wean can chew a pack of chewing gum....

Clapping game: stand in a circle facing a partner. Clap your knees to the rhythm of the words 'sook a bar o' chocolate', and clap your knees again on 'sook a bar a' and try to clap your partner's hands on the word 'day'.

Second part of the game: when singing the words 'Oh, Geordie', pass your partner's right shoulder and stop in front of the next person you meet. Do the clapping in the same way as in part one. Pass your partner by the right shoulder and get a new partner every time you sing the words 'Oh Geordie'.

Bee Baw Babbity



Bee baw babbity,
Babbity, babbity.
Bee baw babbity,
A lassie or a wee laddie?

Choose, choose who you'll tak, Who you'll tak, who you'll tak. Choose, choose who you'll tak, A lassie or a wee laddie?

The players stand in a circle. If there are up to 12 people, one goes in the middle.

While 'choose, choose' is sung, the person in the middle points around the circle, then chooses someone. That person comes into the circle and the two inside dance for the first verse. At 'choose, choose', the second person chooses a third person to join the first two, and so on.

If there are more than 12 people in the circle, you can start with two people in the middle, each choosing a partner, so that the game goes faster.

There are a few other versions of this song. One is called Babbity Bowster. The words are:

Wha learned ye tae dance, Babbity Bowster, Babbity Bowster? Wha learned ye tae dance, Babbity Bowster brawly?

Ma mither learned me tae dance, Babbity Bowster, Babbity Bowster, Ma mither learned me tae dance, Babbity Bowster brawly.

Tom an t-Serraich

The Hill Of The Foal



Madainn Mhath



Feasgar math, a h-uile duine feasgar math a h-uile duine Feasgar math a h-uile duine, tha gu math, tapadh leibh

> Good morning everyone Good morning everyone Good morning everyone How are you today?

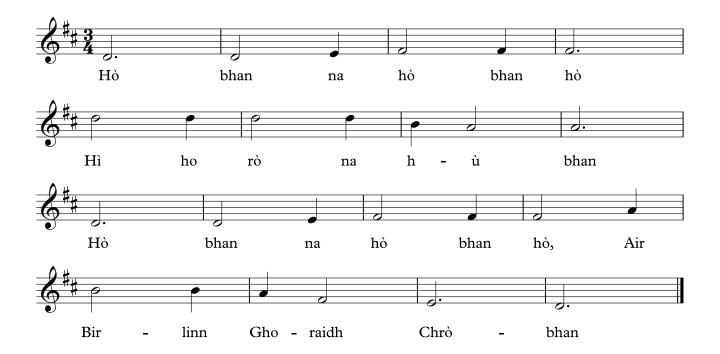
Good afternoon everyone Good afternoon everyone Good afternoon everyone I am fine, thank you!

A song and dance about meeting and greeting.

Standing in two concentric circles with the inside circle facing out and outside circle facing in towards partner. Every time you sing "Madainn mhath" shake hands with your partner. On "a huile duine" the outside circle moves clockwise one person to meet a new partner. Then on "ciamar a tha thu an duigh?" switch inside and outside circles by walking right shoulder to right shoulder past your partner and then turning around to face back into the circle. Repeat these moves from the start for "feasgar mhath a huile duine" and so on.

Birlinn Ghoraidh Chròbhan

Ghoraidh Crovan's Galley



Sèist:

Hò bhan na hò bhan hò Hì ho rò na hù bhan Hò bhan na hò bhan hò A' bhìrlinn Ghoraidh Chròbhain

Fichead sonn air cùl nan ràmh Fichead buile lùghmhor Siùbhlaidh i mar eun a' snàmh Is sìoban thonn 'ga sgiùrsadh

A'bhìrlinn rìoghail 's i a th'ann Siubhal-sìth 'na gluasad Sròl is sìoda àrd ri crann 'S i bratach Olaibh Ruaidh i

Dh'fhàg sinn Manainn mòr nan tòrr Eirinn a' tighinn dlùth dhuinn Air Ile 'n fheòir tha sinn an tòir Ged dh 'èireas tonnan dùghorm Chorus (after each verse):
Ho bhan na ho bhan ho
Hi ho ro na hu bhan
Ho bhan na ho bhan ho
On Godfrey Grovan's galley

Twenty stalwarts behind the oars
Twenty vigorous strokes
She will travel like a bird swimming
And the spindrift of the waves hitting her

'Tis the Royal Galley May she have a peaceful passage Satin and silk banners at mast top 'Tis the banner of Red Olave

We left Big Man of the hills Ireland coming close to us We are in pursuit of grassy Islay Although blue-black waves rise

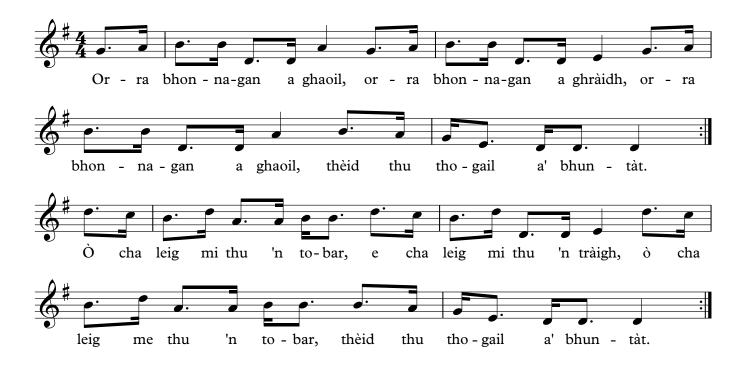
One, Two, Three, Aleerie



This is an old playground game. 'Aleerie' is a very old word that means holding your leg crooked. The original game was to bounce a ball three times and lift your leg and bounce the ball under it when you came to 'Aleerie'.

An adapatation of the game for the whistle class could be to pass the numbered notes around a circle. Individuals would play the written notes for 'One, Two, Three', then the class would play 'Aleerie', back to individuals for Four, Five, Six and so on.

Orra Bhonnagan



Orra bhonnagan, a ghaoil Orra bhonnagan, a ghràidh Orra bhonnagan, a ghaoil Thèid thu thogail a' bhuntàt'.

Ò cha leig mi thu 'n tobar E cha leig mi thu 'n tràigh Ò cha leig mi thu 'n tobar Thèid thu thogail a' bhuntàt orra vonnagan a gool
orra vonnagan a gry
orra vonnagan a gool
haitch hoo hoggle a voontat

o ha lake me hoo n toepar e ha lake me hoo n try o ha lake me hoo n toepar haitch hoo hoggle a voontat

A song about lifting potatoes in your bare feet.

Laoidh Chaluim Chille

The Sound Of Mull



Daphne Cochrane

Words written by Billy Henderson



Daph - ne Coch-rane, who's this Daph ne Coch-rane? She's the kid that puts the lid on the



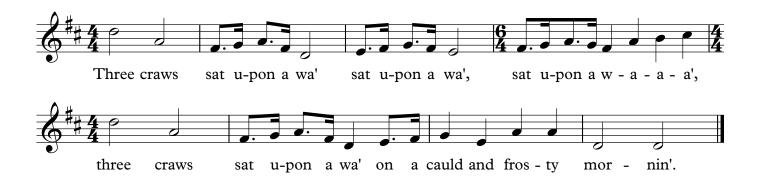


love her baul - dy heid, baul - dy heid baul - dy heid, baul - dy heid!

Each time we sing a verse we add in a new part of Daphne's body'

- 2 ...how I love her wrinkly broo, how I love her wrinkly broo, her wrinkly broo, her bauldy heid, her bauldy heid...
- 3 ...her twae gless e'en, her wrinkly broo, her bauldy heid... How I love
- 4 ...her broken nose, her twae gless e'en, her wrinkly broo, her bauldy heid... How I love etc, keep building the verses up as shown:
- 5 ...her blu-blu lips How I love
- 6 ...her goofy teeth How I love
- 7 ...her dooble chin How I love
- 8 ...her sunken chest How I love
- 9 ...her big fat guts How I love
- 10 ..her knocky knees How I love
- 11 ..her smelly feet How I love
- 12 ..her hammer toes How I love

Three Craws



The first craw was greetin' for his maw, Greetin' for his maw, greetin' for his maw, The first craw was greetin' for his maw, On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The second craw fell and broke his jaw, Fell and broke his jaw, fell and broke his jaw, The second craw fell and broke his jaw,

On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The third craw, couldnae caw at a', Couldnae caw at a', couldnae caw at a', The third craw, couldnae caw at a', On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

The fourth craw, wasnae there at a', Wasnae there at a', wasnae there at a', The fourth craw wasnae there at a', On a cauld and frosty mornin'.

Huis Huis Air an Each



Huis, huis, air an each, (hooish, hooish, air an yak)
An t-each a' dol a Bhàlaigh. (an t'yak a dol a valley)
Beiridh am muir-làn oirnn (berry am moorlan orn)
Beiridh e air chasan oirnn (berry e air kasan orn)
Beiridh e air chinn oirnn (berry e air hin orn)
Huis, huis, air an each, (hooish, hooish, air an yak)
An t-each a' dol a Bhàlaigh. (an t'yak a dol a valley)

Gee up on the horse
The horse going to Vallay
The high tide will catch us
It will catch us by the legs
It will catch us by the head
Gee up on the horse
The horse going to Vallay

A song from Uist warning about the quick incoming tide to the little Island of Vallay.

Jock Stewart



I have acres of land,
And men at my command
And I've many's a shilling to spend.

I'm a piper by trade,
I'm a roving young blade,
And it's many the tunes I do play.

Chorus:

So be easy and free When you're drinkin' wi' me. I'm a man you don't meet every day.

Let us catch well the hours
And the minutes that fly,
And we'll share them together this day.

So, come fill up your glasses
Of brandy and wine,
And whatever the cost, I will pay.

When The Boat Comes In

(Dance To Your Daddy)



Dance to your dad-dy, sing to your mam-my, dance to your dad-dy, to your mam-my sing,



You shall have a fi-shy on a lit-tle di shy, you shall have a fi-shy when the boat comes in.

Wha Wadna Fecht For Charlie?



Chorus:

Wha wadna fecht for Charlie?
Wha wadna draw the sword?
Wha wadna up an' rally
At the royal Prince's word?

Think on Scotia's ancient hero's
Think on foreign foes repelled
Think on glorious gruesome Wallace
Wha the proud usurper quelled.

Chorus

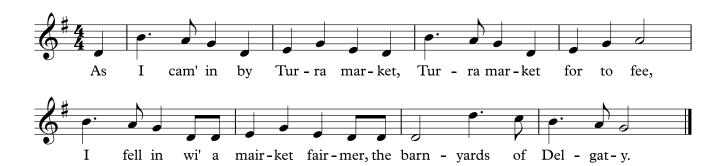
See the northern clans advancing
See Glen Garry and Lochiel
See the brandished broadsword glancing
Highland hearts as true as steel.

Chorus

Now the prince has raised his banner
Now triumphant is our cause
Now the Scottish lion rallies
Let us strike for Prince and Laws.

Chorus

Barnyards Of Delgaty



Chorus: Linten addie toorin addie,
Linten addie toorin ee,
Linten lowrin, lowrin, lowrin,
The Barnyards of Delgaty.

He promised me the twa best horse
That ever were in Scotland seen,
But when I gaed doon tae the Barnyards,
There was naething there but skin and bane.

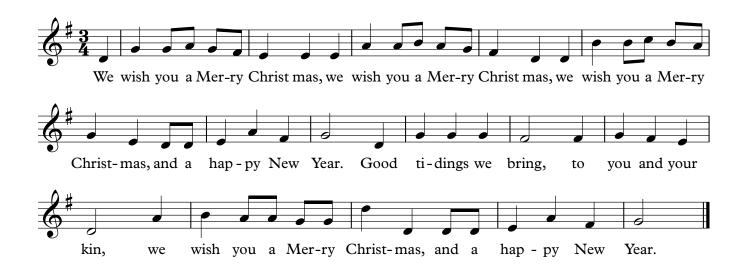
The auld black horse sat on its rump,
The auld white mare lay on her wime.
And for all that I could "Hup" and crack,
They wouldna rise at yokin' time.

When I gae to the kirk on Sunday,
Mony's the bonnie lass I see,
Sitting by her faither's side
And winkin o'er the pews at me.

Noo my candle is brunt oot, My snotter's fairly on the wane. Sae fare ye weel ye Barnyards Ye'll never catch me here again.

Meaning of unusual words:
for to fee=to be hired
wime=belly
brunt=burnt

We Wish You A Merry Christmas



Oh, bring us some figgy pudding,
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding,
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding, and bring it right here.
Good tidings we bring, to you and your kin,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

We won't go until we get some, We won't go until we get some, We won't go until we get some, So bring it right here.

Good tidings we bring, to you and your kin, We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Heire Bannag



Latha nam Bannag - the day of the little cakes/bannocks - was Christmas Eve, the words are good fun and the Mac na is Son of The song goes through a long list of everything on earth, above and below!

The Lochaber Badger

Fred Morrison



Duncan Gray

Robert Burns



The Four Poster Bed



'S trusaidh mi na Coilleagan

The Cockle Gatherer



I dal a du vil, I dal a du ho ro, I dal a du vil, 'S trusaidh mi na coilleagan. (sh'trusay me na colligan)

Ròic aig an fhaoileig, (royk ak an oolek) Shios anns na sgeirin ud, (heeos ounce na skeerin ut) Ròic aig an fhaoileig,

'S trusaidh mi na coilleagan.

Gàir aig an fhairge, (guyr ak an arracher)
Shuas anns na speuran àrd, (huas ounce na spooran ard)
Gàir aig an fhairge,
'S trusaidh mi na coilleagan.

I dal a du vil, I dal a du horo I dal a du vil, While I gather cockles.

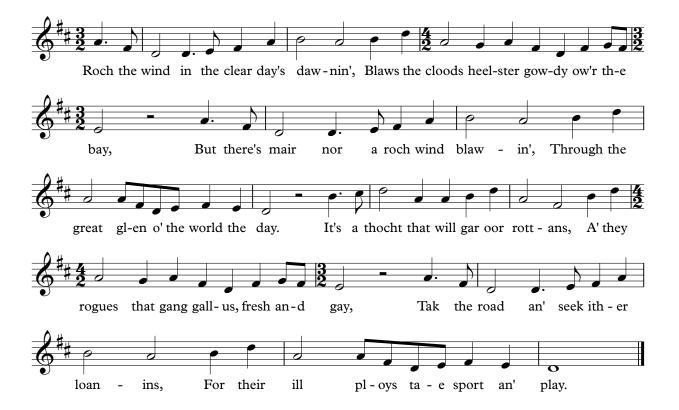
Seagulls are screaming,
Down on the skerry there
Seagulls are screaming,
While I gather cockles.

A laugh at the seagull, Up in the high heavens, A laugh at the seagull, While I gather cockles.

The Freedom Come All Ye

(The Bloody Fields Of Flanders)

Hamish Henderson



Nae mair will the bonnie callants

March tae war when oor braggarts crousely craw

Nor wee weans frae Pitheid and Clachan

Mourn the ships sailing doon the Broomielaw

Broken faimlies in lands we've herriet

Will curse Scotland the brave nae mair, nae mair

Black and white ane til ither mairriet

Mak the vile barracks o the maisters bare

So come all ye at hame wi' freedom

Never heed whit yir hoodies croak for doom

In yer hoose a' the bairns o' Adam

Will find breid, barley bree and painted room

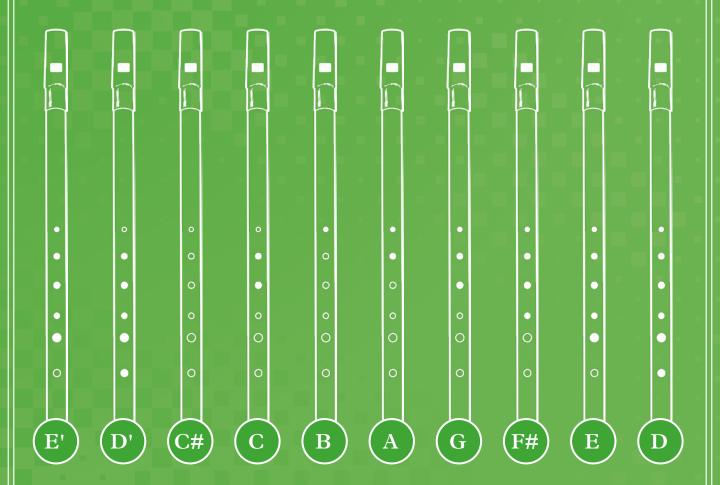
When Maclean meets wi' his freens in Springburn

A' they roses and geans will turn tae bloom

And a black boy frae yont Nyanga

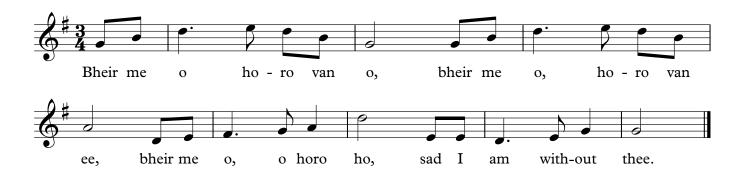
Dings the fell gallows o' the burghers doon

Level 5



E',D',C#,C,B,A,G,F#,E,D

Eriskay Love Lilt



Chorus

Bheir me o, horo van o, Bheir me o, horo van ee, Bheir me o, o horo ho, Sad am I, without thee.

Thou'rt the music of my heart, Harp of joy, o cruit mo chruidh, Moon of guidance by night, Strength and light thou'rt to me.

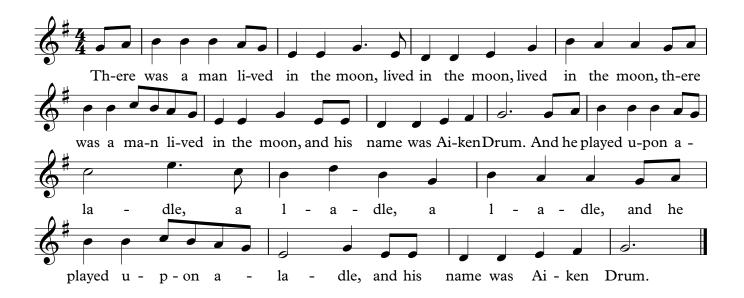
Chorus

In the morning, when I go
To the white and shining sea,
In the calling of the seals,
Thy soft calling to me.

Chorus

When I'm lonely, dear white heart,
Black the night and wild the sea,
By love's light, my foot finds
The old pathway to me.

Aiken Drum



And his hat was made of good cream cheese, Good cream cheese, good cream cheese, And his hat was made of good cream cheese, And his name was Aiken Drum.

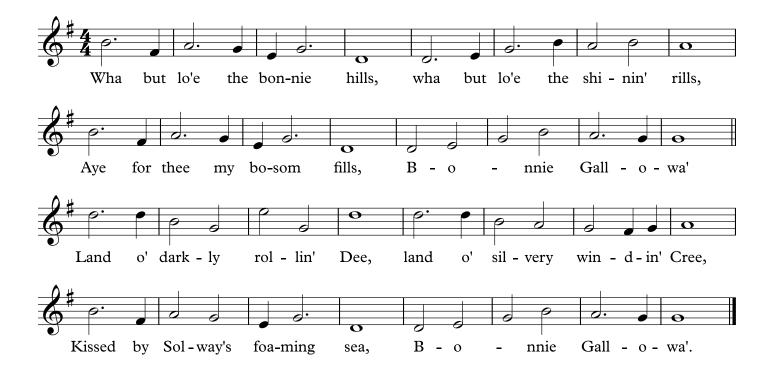
And his coat was made of good roast beef, Good roast beef, good roast beef, And his coat was made of good roast beef, And his name was Aiken Drum.

And his buttons were made of penny loaves,
Penny loaves, penny loaves,
And his buttons were made of penny loaves,
And his name was Aiken Drum.

And his waistcoat was made of crust of pies, Crust of pies, crust of pies, And his waistcoat was made of crust of pies, And his name was Aiken Drum.

His breeches were made of haggis bags, Haggis bags, haggis bags, His breeches were made of haggis bags, And his name was Aiken Drum.

Bonnie Gallowa'



Wha 'mang Scotia's chiefs can shine,
Heroes o' the Douglas line,
Maxwells, Gordons, a' are thine,
Bonnie Gallowa'
Land o' birk and rowan tree,
Land o' fell and forest free,
Land that's aye sae dear tae me,
Bonnie Gallowa'.

Davidson The Luthier

Gavin Marwick



Fear A Phige

(The Whisky Still Man)



Fàgail Steòrnabhagh

(Leaving Stornoway)



Brochan Lom



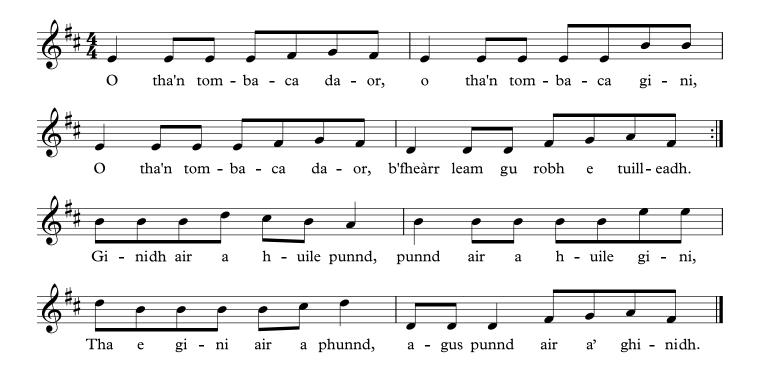
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Chorus

Brochan tana, tana, tana, brochan lom na sùghain Brochan tana, tana, tana, brochan lom na sùghain Brochan tana, tana, tana, brochan lom na sùghain Brochan lom 's e tana lom 's e brochan lom na sùghain

A song about thin, watery porridge.

O tha'n Tombaca Daor



O tha'n tombaca daor,
O tha'n tombaca ginidh,
O tha'n tombaca daor,
B'fheàrr leam gu robh e tuilleadh (x 2)

Ginidh air a h - uile punnd, Punnd air a h - uile ginidh; Tha e ginidh air a' phunnd, Agus punnd air a' ghini . (x 2) O an tobacca daor
O an tobacca ginn-ee
O an tobacca daor
Byee-ar lom goo ro e tool-ay

Ginn-ee air a hool-e poont
Poont air a hool-e poont
Ha e ginn-ee air a foont
Ag-us poont air a ginn-ee

Oh, the tobacco is dear, Oh, the tobacco is a guinea, Oh, the tobacco is dear, I would prefer it to be more!

A guinea for a whole pound, A pound for a whole guinea, It is a guinea for the pound, And a pound for the guinea.

Reel of Tullochgorum



Oh, Those Britches Full Of Stitches

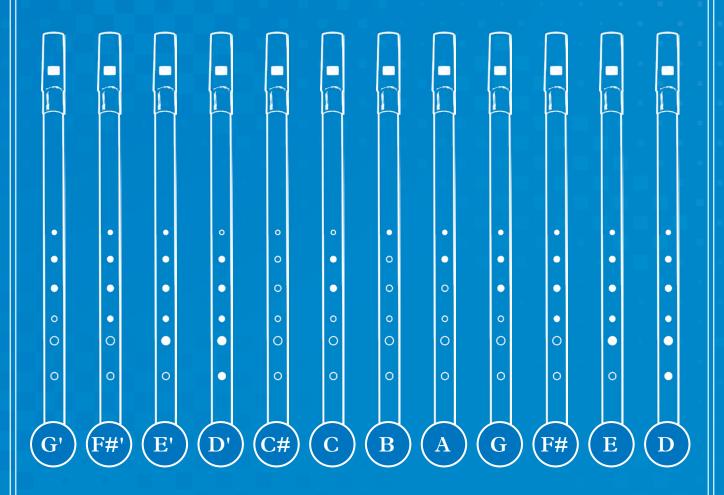


Elliott's

Finlay MacDonald



Level 6



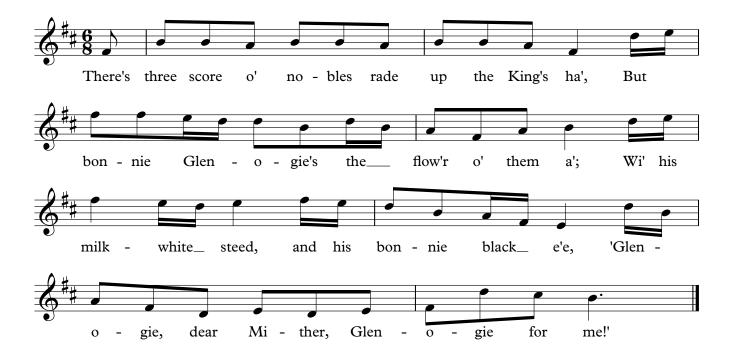
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This Too Will Pass

Gavin Marwick



Glenogie



O had your tongue dochter, ye'll get better than he, O say na sae, mither, for that canna be, Tho' Drumlie is richer and greater than he, Yet if I maun tak him, I'll certainly dee.

Where will I get a bonnie boy, to win hose and shoon, Will gae to Glenogie, and cum shune again, O here am I, a bonnie boy, to win hose and shoon, Will gae to Glenogie and cum shune again.

When he gaed to Glenogie, 'twas wash and go dine, 'Twas wash ye, my pretty boy, wash and go dine, O 'twas ne'er my Faither's fashion, and it ne'er shall be mine, To gar a Lady's hasty errand wait til I dine.

But there is, Glenogie, a letter to thee, The first line that he read, a low smile gae he, The next line that he read, the tear blindit his e'e, But the last line that he read, he gart the table flee.

Gar saddle the black horse, gae saddle the brown, Gar saddle the swiftest steed e'er rade frae a town, But lang ere the horse was drawn, and brought to the green, O bonnie Glenogie was twa mile his lane.

When he cam to Glenfeldy's door, little mirth was there, Bonnie Jeannie's Mother was tearing her hair, Ye're welcome, Glenogie, ye're welcome said she, Ye're welcome, Glenogie, your Jeannie to see.

Pale and wan was she, when Glenogie gaed ben, But red and rosy grew she whene'er he sat down, She turned awa her head, but the smile was in her e'e, O binna feared Mother, I'll may be no dee.

Tha Mo Ghaol Air Àird A'Chuain

My Love Is On The High Seas



Feasgar ciùin an tùs a' Chèitein Nuair bha 'n ialtag anns na speuran Chualaim rìbhinn òg 's i deurach 'Seinn fo sgàil nan geugan uain' Bha a' ghrian 'sa chuan gu sìoladh 'S reult cha d' èirich anns an iarmailt Nuair a sheinn an òigh gu cianail "Tha mo ghaol air àird a' chuain"

Thòisich dealt na h-oidhch' ri tùirling
'S lùb am braon gu caoin na flùrain
Shèid a' ghaoth 'na h-oiteig chùbhraidh
Beatha 's ùrachd do gach cluan
Ghleus an nighneag fonn a h-òrain
Sèimh is ciùin mar dhriùchd an Òg-mhìos
'S bha an t-sèisd seo 'g èirigh 'n còmhnaidh
"Tha mo ghaol air àird a' chuain"

Chiar an latha is dheàrrs' na reultan Sheòl an rè measg neul nan speuran Shuidh an òigh, bha 'bròn 'ga lèireadh 'S cha robh dèigh air tàmh no suain Theann mi faisg air reult nan òg-bhean Sheinn mu 'gaol air chuan 'bha seòladh O bu bhinn a caoidhrean brònach "Tha mo ghaol air àird a' chuain"

Rinn an ceòl le deòin mo thàladh
Dlùth do rìbinn donn nam blàth-shul
'S i ag ùrnaigh ris an Àrd-Rìgh
"Dìon mo ghràdh 'th' air àird a' chuain"
Bha a cridh' le gaol gu sgàineadh
Nuair a ghlac mi fhèin air làimh i
"Siab do dheòir, do ghaol tha sàbhailt
Thill mi slàn bhàrr àird a' chuain"

On a quiet evening at the beginning of May
When the bat was in the skies
I heard a tearful young maiden
Singing beneath the shadow of the green branches
The sun was setting in the sea
And no stars yet graced the sky
When the young girl sang sorrowfully
"My love is on the high seas"

The night's dew began to fall
Each bloom yielding softly to the droplets
The wind blew in a fragrant breeze
Bringing life and renewal to each field
The girl tunefully sang her song
Quiet and peaceful like the June dew
And this chorus constantly repeated
"My love is on the high seas"

Day darkened and the stars shone
Setting their course amongst the clouds
The maiden sat, burdened by her sadness
Her singing could not have been more soothing
I moved closer to the young woman
Singing of her love sailing on the sea
Oh sweet was her sad lament
"My love is on the high seas"

The music enticed me
Nearer to the brown-haired maiden of the warm eyes
And she prayed to the King of Heaven
"Protect my love on the high seas"
Her heart was breaking with love
When I took her by the hand
"Wipe your eyes, your love is safe
I have returned to you from the high seas"

Chì Mi Na Mòrbheanna

The Mist-Covered Mountains



Séist

O chì, chì mi na mòr-bheanna

O chì, chì mi na còrr-bheanna

O chì, chì mi na coireachan

Chì mi na sgoran fo cheò

Chì mi gun dàil an t-àite san d'rugadh mi

Cuirear orm fàilte sa chànain a thuigeas mi

Gheibh mi ann aoidh agus gràdh nuair a ruigeam

Nach reicinn air tunnachan òir

Sèist

Chì mi na coilltean, chì mi na doireachan

Chì mi ann màghan bàna is toraiche

Chì mi na féidh air làr nan coireachan

Falaicht' an trusgan de cheò

Sèist

Beanntaichean àrda is àillidh leacainnean

Sluagh ann an còmhnuidh is còire cleachdainnean

'S aotrom mo cheum a' leum g'am faicinn

Is fanaidh mi tacan le deòin

Sèist

Chorus

Oh, I see, I see the great mountains

Oh, I see, I see the lofty mountains

Oh, I see, I see the corries

I see the peaks beneath the mist

I see, straight away, the place of my birth

I will be welcomed in a language which I understand

I will receive hospitality and love when I reach there

That I would not trade for a ton of gold

Chorus

I see woods there, I see thickets there

I see fair, fertile fields there

I see the deer on the ground of the corries

Shrouded in a garment of mist

Chorus

High moutains with lovely slopes

Folk there who are always kind

Light is my step when I go bounding to see them

And I will willingly remain there for a long while

Chorus

Finnish Polka



Salmon Tails Up The Water



Whistle Games and Activities

1. Mexican Wave

Sit in a circle and attempt to pass a note around the circle, passing it from one person to the next without a gap in the sound, like a Mexican wave. Start with B and then see if you can do it with all the notes.

2. Hocket

Using a simple tune such as Hot Cross Buns, see if you can play it in a 'hocket'. There are 2 ways of doing this. First split the room into 2 groups. One group plays B, the other group plays A, the first group plays G, the second group plays B, and so on. Passing each note from one group to the other. This can be further developed to try and pass the tune around the circle in this way; the first person plays B, second plays A, third plays G etc.

3. Conducting/playing words

Someone chooses a note and everyone has to try and play it. Pupils can take turns to choose the notes. This can be developed by thinking about which words can be spelled using the available notes on the whistle, then trying to play the words.

4. High, Low, Middle

Assign an action to a High note (stretch up), Middle note (make a cross with arms out) and Low note (crouch or arms down). Play a run of notes and then play a longer high, low or middle note. The children then guess the note by using their actions. Allow the class a few practice runs then they can be eliminated for getting it wrong or hesitating.

5. Guess the note

Ask the class to shut their eyes and play them a note. They then have to try and match it by playing what they think that note is. This could be done with the whole class or with individuals/pairs.

6. Chord build up

Start by sending a continuous note around the circle, for example a G. Once the G gets approximately half way around start sending another note to add on top (B). The children only change note when it reaches them. Add more notes to build up a chord.

7. Copy the rhythm

Somebody chooses a note and plays a rhythm on that note, the next person has to try and play the same rhythm, and it gets passed around the circle. You can start with the person choosing saying what the note is, then you can develop it to having to guess the note as well as copy the rhythm.









