

THE FIDGETY BAIRN

A Cradle Song from Barra

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Tune noted from the singing of
FATHER JOHN MACMILLAN, Barra,
and arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Tenderly lulling

2 $\frac{3}{8}$ *p*

Key D. *Two meas. Instrumental* || s : - : m | f : - : r | m : - : r | d | r : - : - }

Hush, my dear! the gal-lop-ing men

|| s : s : m | f : - : m : r | m : r : d | r : - : - }

Ride thro' the brack - en and ride¹owre the ben;

|| s : s : m | f : - : r | s : - : m | f : - : s | m : - : d | r : - : m }

Mam-my 'll watch her sleep - in' hen, So close your e'en my

|| d : - : - | d : - : - | s : - : m | f : - : r | m : - : r | d | r : - : - }

dear - ie! Close your e'en and greet nae²mair,

|| s : s : m | f : - : m : r | m : r : d | r : - : - | s : s : m | f : f : r }

O but your mith - er's heert is³sair, Dad-dys a-sleep in the

rall. e dim. *Fine*

|| s : s : m | f : - : s | d' : - : m | f : - : r | d : - : - | d : - : - ||

big rock-in' chair, So close your e'en my dear - ie!

¹owre = over

²mair = more

³sair = sore

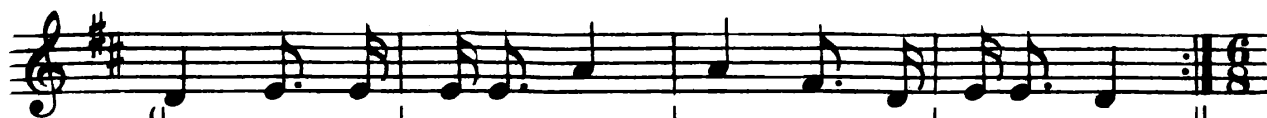
$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ **Markedly, and with growing impatience**

f (repeat *p*)



Two-pulse meas.

{ | d :r .,r | r ,r .- :s | s :m .,d | r ,r .- :d }
O, will ye nev-er learn? Né'er, né'er was sic a bairn!



{ | d :r .,r | r ,r .- :s | s :m .,d | r ,r .- :d } ||
O, will ye nev-er learn? Né'er, né'er was sic a bairn!

f (repeat *p*)



Six-pulse meas.

{ | d :d :d | m :- :m | s :s :s | m :m :m }
Break-in' my hért, ye fidg-et - y, fidg-et - y,



{ | s :s :s | m :- :d | r :r :r | d :- :- }
Break-in' my hért, ye fidg-et - y bairn!



{ | d :d :d | m :- :m | s :s :s | m :m :m }
Break-in' my hért, ye fidg-et - y, fidg-et - y,



{ | s :s :s | d' :- :m | r :r :r | d :- :- } ||
Break-in' my hért, ye fidg-et - y bairn!



{ | s :s :s | d' :~ :m | r :r :r | : :~ } ||
Break-in' my hért, ye fidg-et - y!

HIGHLAND CRADLE SONG

(O HUSH THEE, MY BABIE)

Words of verses by
Sir WALTER SCOTT
refrain traditional

Traditional Highland Tune
arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Quietly, tenderly. At a moderate pace ♩ = 80
poco rall. **CHORUS** *mp*

Key C. { s' .m' :— :r' | d' :— :— | s :— :— || s :m :d }
O ho - ro

{ d' :— .r' :m' | s . . . :! :f | m :— :— }
ee - ree - ree *cai - dil gu Lō,
(sleep — till dawn)
a tempo

{ s :m :d | d' :— .r' :m' | s . . . :m' :— :r }
O ho - ro ee - ree - ree cai - dil — gu
(sleep — till

a deeper note of expression

{ d :— :d' .r' | m' :d' :r' | d' :m :f }
Lō. *mf* 1. O — hush thee my ba - bie, Thy
dawn) *mf* 2. O — hush thee my ba - bie, The
pp 3. Then — hush thee my dar - ling, Take

*caidil gu Lō — pronounced *cad-jil goo law*

{ s :l :ta | l :s :d'...r' | m' :d' :r' }

sire was a knight, — Thy — mo - ther a
 time soon will come — When thy sleep shall be
 rest while you may, — For — strife comes with

{ d' :s :l | s :f :m | r :— :s ||

la - dye Both gen - tle and bright. _____
 bro - ken By trum - pet and drum. _____
 man - hood, And wak - ing with day. _____

D.S.

CHORUS (after v. 3.)

mp { s :m :d | d' :— .r' :m' | s'...:l :f }

O ho - ro ee - ree - ree cai - dil gu
 (sleep — till

rall.

{ m :— :— | s :m :d | d' :— .r' :m' }

Lō, O, ho - ro ee - ree - ree
 dawn)

a tempo *morendo* *Fine*

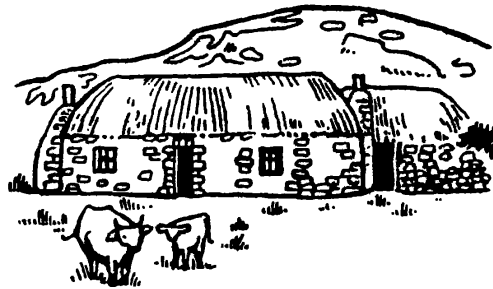
{ s'...m :— :r | d :— :— | — :— :— | — :— :— ||

cai-dil gu Lō. _____
 sleep — till dawn) _____

HO-REE, HO-RO, MY LITTLE WEE GIRL

A Tíree Love Song

Traditional Gaelic Tune
 set to English words and arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON



Joyously and not too fast $\text{♩} = 72$
 rit.

CHORUS



Key Eb { m, :s, :d | m :- :- | - :- :- | :- :- } d
 Ho -



{ m :- :f | s :- :s | f :m :r | d :- :d }
 ree, ho - ro, my lit - tle wee girl! Ho -



{ m :- :f | s :l :t | d' :- :- | s :- :ta }
 ree, ho - ro, my fair one! And



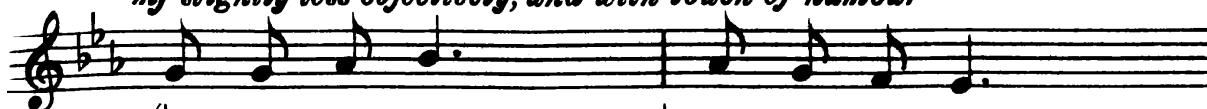
{ l :d' :- | s :- :f | m :- :d | f :- :l }
 will you go with me, my Love, To



{ s :s :- | ta :- :r | d :- :- | d :- :- } *Two meas. Instrumental*
 be my own, my rare one?

SOLO

mf slightly less objectively, and with touch of humour



{ m : m : f l s : - : - | f : m : r l d : - : - }

1. Smil - ing the land! Smil - ing the sea!
 2. All the day long, out at the peat,
 3. Laugh - ter o' love! Sing - ing ga - lore!



{ m : m : f l s : l : t | d' : - : - l s : - : - | l : l : d' l s : s : f }

Sweet is the scent of the hea - ther. Would we were yon - der, just
 Then, by the shore in the gloam - ing, Step - ping it light - ly with
 Trip - ping it light - some and air - y: Could we be ask - ing of

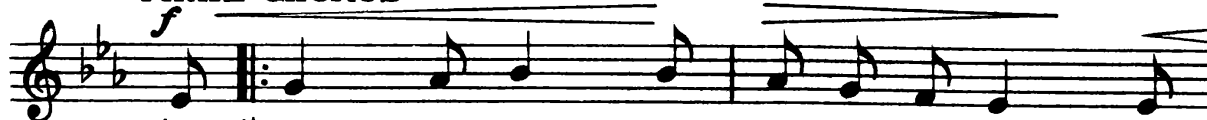
no pause D. %



{ m : - : d l f : - : l | s : - : s l t a : - : r | d : - : - l d : - : }

you and me, The two of us to - geth - er!
 danc - ing feet, And we to - geth - er hom - ing.
 life for more, My own, my dar - ling Ma - ry?

FINAL CHORUS



{ : d || : m : - : f l s : - : s | f : m : r l d : - : d }

Ho - ree, ho - ro, my lit - tle wee girl! Ho -



{ m : - : f l s : l : t | d' : - : - l s : - : t a }

ree, ho - ro, — my fair one! And



{ l : d' : - : l s : - : f | m : - : d l f : - : l | s : s : - : l t a : - : r }

will you go with me, my Love, To be my own, my



{ d : - : - l d : - : d || d : - : - l d : - : - | - : - : - l - : - : - | - : - : - l - : - : - : || }

rare one? Ho - rare one?

+ If the final chorus is sung twice (often done) the repeat should be started from this point.
 First time full, second time *piano* (chucklingly)

ISLAND SPINNING SONG

Original Gaelic words by
ANGUS ROBERTSON
The English words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Traditional Gaelic tune from
DONALD A. MACLEOD
arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON



Steady workaday rhythm: *with sly ingenuousness and quiet humour*

2 CHORUS *mf*

Lah is F# { | *Two meas. Instrumental* | | l, .l, :l, .l, ld :— }
† Hull - a - mack - a - doo,

{ | t, :l, .l, |t, :— | r :r .r |s, :s, }
Hoo - ro - va - hee, Hoo - ro - va - hin - da,

{ | r :r .r |s, :s, | l, .l, :l, .l, ld :— }
Hoo - ro - va - hin - da, Hull - a - mack - a - doo,

{ | t, :l, .l, |t, :d .r | m :d |r :t, | l, :— |l, :— }
Hoo - ro - va - hee, O — dick - o - deck - o - dan - dy.

† The syllables here are mere vocables with no meaning, but much significance.

* to ♪ for ending of last verse chorus.

{ m :r ll, :d .r | m :r ll, :— }

mf 1. When will some - one come to me?
mf 2. Wheel o' fate, what is't you say?
f 3. Be he dark or be he fair,

{ r :t, ls, :t, .d | r :t, ls, :— }

Will he come by land or sea?
 This year, next, or ne'er a day?
 Shy or bold or de - bon - air,

{ m :r ll, :d .r | m :r ll, :d .r }

Will he my own lo - ver be? 0,
 When will woo - er come my way? 0,
 Rib - bons braw will deck my hair To

{ m :d lr :t, | l, :— ll, :— ||

tell me tru - ly, wheel, 0.
 tell me tru - ly, wheel, 0.
 meet and greet my true love.

⊕ *Last time Chorus*

dim. *pp*

{ l, :— ll, :— | — :— | — :— | — :— | — :— ||

dan - dy.

AIR FALALALO

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Traditional Gaelic tune
arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Steadily, (*bravely and with a hint of swagger*) ♩. = 80

CHORUS

Key G. { | *One meas. Instrumental* | : : | : : | : : | : :s, ||

Air

|| s, :l, :t, ld :— :d lm :— :d | d :t, :l, ls, :— :— |— :— :s, }
fa la la lo ho-ro, air fa la la lay, _____ Air

{ |l, :t, :d lr :— :m ls :— :f | m :r :m ld :— :— |— :— :d }
fa la la lo ho-ro, air fa la la lay, _____ Air

{ |r :m :f ls :— :s ll :s :f | m :r :m ld :— :— |r :— :m }
fa la la lo, ho-ro air fa la la lay, _____ Fa

{ |f :s :f lm :— :r lm :— :d | d :t, :l, ls, :— :— |— : : }
lee— fa lo, ho-ro air fa la la lay. _____

mf

{ : : | : : | : :s, | s, :l, :t, ld :— :d lm :^(d) :d }

1. There's lilt in the song I sing, There's
2. The hea-ther's a - blaze wi' bloom; the
3. And whe-ther the blood be High-land, or

{ d : t, : l, | s, : - : - | - : - : s, | l, : t, : d | r : - : m | s : - : f }
 laugh-ter and love; _____ There's tang o' the sea, and blue from
 myr-tle is sweet; _____ There's song in the air; the road's a
 Low-land, or no'; _____ And whe-ther the hue be white, or

{ m : r : m | d : - : - | - : - : d | r : m : f | s : - : s | l : s : f }
 hea-ven a - bove; _____ Of rea-son there's none, and why should there
 song at our feet; _____ So step it a - long as light as the
 black as the sloe; _____ Of kith and of kin we're one, be it

{ m : r : m | d : - : - | - : - : d | r : - : m | f : s : f | m : - : r | m : (d) : d }
 be, — for-bye, _____ With the fire in the blood and toes the
 bird on the wing, _____ And, step-ping a - long, let's join our
 right, be it wrong, _____ If on - ly our hearts beat true to the

D. % LAST CHORUS f
 { d : t, : l, | s, : - : - | - : - : s, || s, : l, : t, | d : - : d | m : - : d }
 light in the eye? _____ }
 voi-ces and sing _____ } Air fa la la lo ho-ro, air
 lilt o' the song. _____ }

{ d : t, : l, | s, : - : - | - : - : s, | l, : t, : d | r : - : m | s : - : f }
 fa la la lay, _____ Air fa la la lo ho-ro, air

{ m : r : m | d : - : - | - : - : d | r : m : f | s : - : s | l : s : f }
 fa la la lay, _____ Air fa la la lo, ho-ro — air

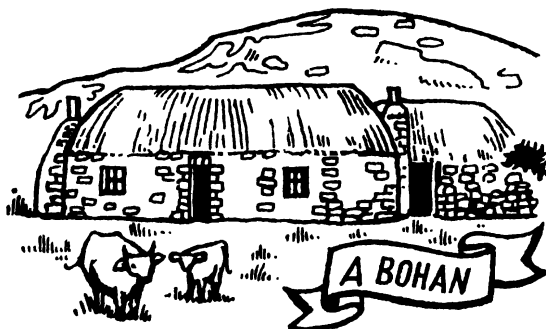
{ m : r : m | d : - : - | - : - : d | r : - : m | f : s : f | m : - : r | m : - : d }
 fa la la lay, _____ Fa lee — fa lo, ho-ro air

{ d : t, : l, | s, : - : - | - : - : s, | - : - : - | - : - : - | - : - : - }
 fa la la lay. _____

JOY OF MY HEART

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON
 Gaelic translation by
JOHN R. BANNERMAN

Old Highland Air
(Leannan mo ghaoil)
 by permission of
AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH
 Arr. by **HUGH S. ROBERTON**



At a lilting pace, with tenderness, and yet with rapture ♩. = 69

2 *f* **CHORUS**

Key A. || *Two meas. Instrumental* | m : d : m | r : - : - | l, : - : f, |
 Joy of my heart, Isle of
Eil-ean mo chridh Muil - e

|| *Six pulse meas.* | s, : - : - | s, : - : - | m, : : m, : f, | s, : - : s, |
 Moo - la!* Whi - ther I wan - der
ghràdh - ach, Siubh - lam sear no

|| m : - : f | s : - : - | f : : : m : f | r : - : r |
 East or West, Wak - ing or dream - ing,
siubh - lam siar, Mhoch's an ciar - adh

|| *Nine pulse meas.* | s, : - : t, | d : - : - | r : - : - | m : d : m | r : - : - | l, : - : f, |
 thou art near me; Joy of my heart, Isle of
tha thu làmh rium, Eil-ean mo chridh, Muil - e

|| *Six pulse meas.* | s, : - : - | s, : - : - || *Two meas. Instrumental* |
 Moo - la!
ghràdh - ach.

*Moola = Mull

Six-pulse meas.

mf 1. Sing ye o' the Coo-lins of Skye, Of
mp 2. Peat and Hea-ther! how you call me,
mf 3. Kind-ly hearts are wait-ing to cheer me,
mf 1. Lu-aidh-ibh-se mu'n Chuil-ionn ghreann-ach
mp 2. Moin-e's fraoch 'gam ghairm gu caomh's am
mf 3. Sud far bheil na caird-ean coibh-neil

Nine pulse meas.

Har-ris, or Eigg,¹⁾ or fair I-o-na.
 Lit-tle wee bo-han²⁾ by the hill-side.
 Wel-com-ing arms are there to hold me.
 Eig'sna Hearr-adh 's I nan gràs-an.
 Both-an g'aoil is rogh-a fàrd-aich.
 Chuir-eas aobh orm le'm fàil-te.

CHORUS

v.1 f Joy of my heart, Isle of Moo-la!
v.2 mf *Eil-ean mo chrìdh Muil-e ghràdh-ach,*
v.3 f ... *v.3 più cresc.*

Six pulse meas.

Whi-ther I wan-der East or West,
 Siubh-lam sear no siubh-lam siar,

Nine pulse meas.

Wak-ing or dream-ing, thou art near me;
 Mhoch's an ciar-adh tha thu làmh rium,
 broadening (*v.3*) *vs. 1 & 2* *D. %*

Six pulse meas.

Joy of my heart, Isle of Moo-la!
 Eil-ean mo chrìdh Muil-e ghràdh-ach.

Ending for v.3 dim.

Moo-la!
 ghràdh-ach.

Nine-pulse meas.

¹⁾ Eigg, pronounced *Egg*

²⁾ Bohan = a little house, pronounced *bow'n*

LEWIS BRIDAL SONG

(MAIRI'S WEDDING)

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Traditional tune
noted from Dr. PETER A. MacLEOD
and arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

With exhilarating joyousness, not too fast, well-marked steady rhythm

CHORUS

Key G. || *Two meas. Instrumental* || *mf*

s₁ .,s₁ :s₁ .l₁ |d .r :m }
Step we gai - ly, on we go,

{r .d :l₁ .d |m .r :m }
Heel for heel and toe for toe,

{s₁ .,s₁ :s₁ .l₁ |d .r :m }
Arm in arm and row on row,

Before vs. 1, 2 & 3

{r .d :l₁ .f₁ |s₁ :s₁ }
All for Mai - ri's wed - ding.


NOTE: The final chorus may be sung twice, in which case the first singing of it should be *piano*; the second time it should finish brilliantly.

After last Chorus



|| r .d :l, .f, |s, :s, | - : - | - . : ~ ||

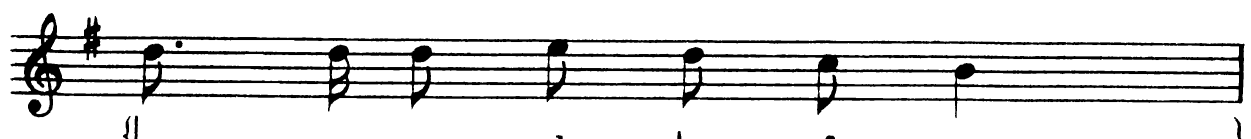
All for Mai-ri's wed - ding.



|| s .,s :s .l |s .f :m }
f 1. O - ver hill - ways up and down,
f 2. Red her cheeks as row - ans are,
f 3. Plen - ty her - ring, plen - ty meal,



|| r .d :l, .d |m .r :m }
 Myr - tle green and brack - en brown,
 Bright her eye as an - y star,
 Plen - ty peat to fill her creel,



|| s .,s :s .l |s .f :m }
 Past the *shiel - ings, thro' the town;
 Fair - est o' them a' by far,
 Plen - ty bon - nie bairns as weel;

D. % after each verse



|| r .d :l, .f, |s, :s, ||
 All for sake o' Mai - ri.
 Is our dar - ling Mai - ri.
 That's the toast for Mai - ri.

*Ashieling is a summer pasture on the hillside with a rough hut to shelter the cattleherds.

MINGULAY BOAT SONG

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Traditional Gaelic tune
 (probably *Lochaber*)
 arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Boldly (with a big rhythmic sweep) ♩ = 84

2 CHORUS *poco*

Key F. { : | *Two meas. Instrumental* | m :— :— | r :— :s, .,l, ||

Hill you

ff last Chorus

{ | d :d :d' .,s | m :m :s .,m }
 ho, boys; Let her go, boys; Bring her

{ | r :r .,d :m r d | l, :d :s, .,l, }
 head round, now all to - geth - er. Hill you

{ | d :d :d' .,s | m :m :s .,m }
 ho, boys; Let her go, boys; Sail - ing

Before vs. 1 & 2

{ | r .d :l, .m :r .,m | d :— : } ||
 home, home to Ming - u - lay.

Ending for last Chorus
rall. e dim. al fine


{ | d :— :— | — :— :— | — :— : } ||
 lay. *Fine*



 { m : s, : s, ., l, | d : d : m r d r }

mf 1. What care we though white the


mf 2. Wives are wait - ing on — the



 { m : s, : s, ., l, | d : d : m r d r }

 Minch is? What care we for wind — or


 bank, or Look - ing sea - ward from — the



 { m : r : m ., r | d : d : m r d r }

 wea - ther? Let her go boys! ev' - ry

 hea - ther; Pull her round boys! and — we'll



 { m : s, : s, ., l, | d : s, . s : m ., r | d : — : s, ., l, ||

 inch is Wear-ing home, home to Ming-u - lay. } Hill you

 an - chor, Ere the sun sets at Ming-u - lay. }



MORAG'S CRADLE SONG

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Traditional Gaelic tune
adapted and arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

With great tenderness, never dragged

CHORUS

Key G. || *Two meas. Instrumental* || *p* m :-.r :d |d :- :s, }

Would she were here my

{ l, :d :- |s, :- :- | m :-.r :d |d :- :d }

lit - tle one! Would she were here, my

{ r :- :r |m :s :- | m :-.r :d |d :- :s, }

joy, my trea - sure! Would she were here, my


{ l, :d :- |s, :- :- | : : | : : ||

lit - tle one!

{ m :- :f |s :- :s, | l, :- :t, |d :r :- }

mf 1. Blue her eye as skies in sum - mer,
mf 2. Soft her cheek as eid - er - down is,
mp 3. Gaze I sea - ward in the gloam - ing,

D. %



 Sweet her smile as flow - 'ret bloom - ing.


 Warm and soft her arms en - twi - ning.

 Gaze I sky - ward, sad and wea - ry.

CHORUS (after v. 3)



 Would she were here, my lit - tle one!



 Would she were here, my joy, my trea - sure!



 Would she were here, my lit - tle one!





OSSIANIC PROCESSIONAL

Words adapted from Ossian
by HUGH S. ROBERTON

Gaelic tune noted
from the playing of
DUNCAN MORRISON
arr. HUGH S. ROBERTON



Dead-march time

With measured stately dignity, and profound feeling

Two meas.
Instrumental | m_2 : m_2 | — : m_2 | — : | t_2, m_1 : — | — ||

pp

{ d : d | t, : s, | l, : — | m, : — | d : d | t, : s, }

* Ho - van, ho - van, ho - van, Ho - van, ho - van,

{ l, : — | m, : — | l, : — | m, : — | l, : — | m, : — | l, : — | m, : d }

ho - van, Ho - van, Ho - van, Ho - van -
molto rall.

mf a tempo

{ t_1, m_1 : — | — : — || d : d | t, : s, | l, : — | m, : — }

o. ————— Mourn ye men of Mor - ven!

{ d : d | t, : s, | l, : — | m, : — | m, : s, | l, : t, }

Weep ye wives and daugh - ters! Sor - row now on

{ d : d | t, : m, : — | l, : — | s, | l, : — | s, | l, : — | m, : — ||

Tu - ra's walls! — He is gone for ev - er.

* hovan (a sound of grief) has no literal meaning.

With dignified grief

Nar - row is thy dwell - ing.

Dark and cold thy bed - place. Deep thy sleep as

seas are deep; Son of might - y Se - mo!

ff Proudly, majestically

Like a rock up - stand - ing

In a sea of tem - pest; So wert thou, un -

van-quished one, — Flame, thysword, and light - ning.

mf In strict time, but getting softer and softer to the end

Ho - van, ho - van, ho - van, Ho - van, ho - van,

ho - van, Ho - van, Ho - van, Ho - van -

morendo

o!

IONA BOAT SONG

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Traditional Island Air
arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Legend has it that this was the tune to which the monks of old rowed the dead Kings to their resting place in the sacred Isle of Iona.

Very slowly, and with deep reverence M. ♩ = about 56

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Key Eb { | *One meas. Instrumental* | m, :— :r, | m, :— }

mp 1. Soft - ly glide we a - long, Soft - ly
mf 2. Calm - ly there wilt thou lie With thy
pp 3. Soft - ly glide we a - long, Soft - ly

{ | :s :m | s :— :s...s | l :s :l | d' :d' :m }
chant we our song, For a king who to rest - ing is
fa - thers gone by, Their dust min - gled deep with thine
chant we our song, For a king who to rest - ing is

{ | r :— :— | — :— :d .r | m :m :m | m :— :r...r }
come: _____ O be - lov - ed and best, Thou'rt
own: _____ Nev - er more to a - wake Till the
come, _____ O be - lov - ed and best Thou'rt



{ d :d :l, | d :- :d .r | m :s :m | r .r :- :r }
 far - ing out west To the dear Isle I - o - na, thy
 last morn shall break, And the trump of the judg - ment is
 far - ing out west To the dear Isle I - o - na, thy



{ d :- :- | - :- : | m, :- :r, | m, :- ||
 home. _____
 blown. _____



{ d :- :- | - :- : - | : : | : : | : : | : : ^ ||
 home. _____



SHUTTLE AND LOOM

Island Weaving Song

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Traditional Gaelic Air
arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

An easy lilting pace ♩. = 76

*Neatly, ingeniously, and with
more than a hint of humour*

CHORUS
poco

*Two meas.
Instrumental* | *Lah is F#* || *m₂.l₂:d, :m, | l, .d :m :l | s, :s :s, | l, :-:â* ||
It's

mf *a tempo*

{ | l, :s, :m, | s, :- :l, | d :r :d | d :- :r }
nick - e - ty nack Wi' shut - tle and loom, It's

{ | m :s :m | r :- :d | l, :- :l, | r :- :d }
for - ward and back Till crack o' doom, It's

(Last verse, slower and slower) *sost.*

{ | l, :s, :m, | s, :- :l, | d :r :d | d :- :- }
nick - e - ty nack Wi' shut - tle and loom. _____

(to finish) *Fine*

{ | - :- :- | - :- :- | - :- :- | - :- :- } *(to finish)* ||

With sly characterisation

{ | m :— :m | m :— :d | r :— :d | t, :— :r | }

mp Long - ing ev - er, look - ing long to
mp Yes - ter - night we walk'd to - geth - er
*mp** Blate was he, wi' nought to say but
mf May the gra - ces send him speech, and
f When, at last, the word is spok - en—

Chorus after all verses

{ | l, :l, :l, | l, :s, :m, | s, :— :— | l, :— :d̂ | ||

see if my lov - er be com - ing.
 down by the wood on the shore - land. }
 "fine is the wea - ther for grow - ing." } It's
 may I be with him to hear it!
 what will my an - swer be, think you?

*Blate (pronounced *blait*) = bashful



SING AT THE WHEEL

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Traditional Gaelic tune
Adapted and arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Not fast. Steady. *Hauntingly rhythmical* ♩. = 84

2 rit. CHORUS

Lah is F || *Two meas. Instrumental* | *m, :s, :t, lm :r :t,* ||

Sing at the

♩ a tempo

{ l, :- :- lm, :- :s, | l, :- :- ld :- :r | m :- :- ll :- :s }

wheel while you may— Heel yo ho, boys to-

{ m :s :- lm :r :t, | l, :- :- lm, :- :s, | l, :- :- l- :- :- }

geth-er; Sing at the wheel while you may!

{ : : l : : | m :- :m lm :- :r | d :- :d ld :- :t, }

1. Pull her round, and let her go, The
2. Yon - der shine the lights o' home, And
3. Fire o' peat, and cream and crow - die,
4. Then at night - time, song and tale, and



|| l₁ : d : m | r : d : t₁ | *Nine pulse meas.* | l₁ : - : s₁ | m₁ : s₁ : - | m : r : t₁ ||
 spin - drift fly - ing from her shoulders.
 yon - der wait the hands o' wel-come. } Sing at the
 Tea and toast, and can - dles burn-ing. }
 danc - ing, lads and girls, to-geth-er.

LAST CHORUS

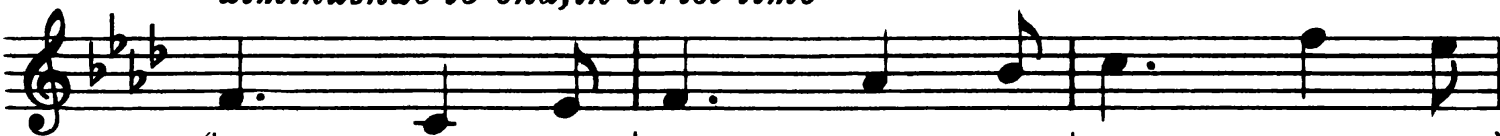


Six pulse meas. || l₁ : - : - | m₁ : - : s₁ | l₁ : - : - | d : - : r | m : - : - | l : - : s }
 wheel while you may— Heel yo ho, boys to-



|| m : s : - | m : r : t₁ | l₁ : - : - | m₁ : - : s₁ | l₁ : - : - | m : r : t₁ }
 geth-er; Sing at the wheel while you may. Sing at the

diminuendo to end, in strict time



|| l₁ : - : - | m₁ : - : s₁ | l₁ : - : - | d : - : r | m : - : - | l : - : s }
 wheel while you may— Heel yo ho, boys to-



|| m : s : - | m : r : t₁ | l₁ : - : - | m₁ : - : s₁ | l₁ : - : - | l : - : - | - : - : - | - : - : - | - : - : - ||
 geth-er; Sing at the wheel while you may. _____

*crowdie, a kind of porridge.

THE TOP OF THE MORNING

Sheep-shearing Song

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

The first part of
the song is a
Traditional Gaelic tune
arr. **HUGH S. ROBERTON**

Steadily, but with the utmost gaiety

2 rit.

Ray is D || *Two meas. Instrumental* | r : s : t | r' : - : - | - : - : - | - : - : - ||

CHORUS

|| r' : - : - | r' : - : - | d' : t : l | s : - : - | d' : - : t | l : - : m }
Come, now, step it a-long; Foot it brave - ly,

{ s : - : m | d : - : - | r : - : r | r : - : m | s : - : l | r' : - : - }
heel and toe; Fill the air with hap - py song;

2

{ d' : - : s | l : d' : - | m : - : r | r : - : - || *Two meas. Instrumental* }
To the *clip-pin' on we go!

mf

{ r' : - : r' | l : - : l | r' : - : r' | l : - : - | d' : - : d' | s : m : s }
1. Don - ald La - mont, he'll be there; Kit - ty Camp-bell, and
2. Shear the sheep, and pack the woo', Eat the^x ban-nocks, and



{ d' : - : d' l s : - : - | r' : - : r' ll : - : l | r' : - : r' ll : - : r' }
 Pat Mac-nair, Mal - ly *og, and plen - ty mair A -
 sup the brew; Then to †ploys and danc - ing too, And



{ d' : t : l l s : f : m | r : - : - | r : - : - : ^ || r' : - : - | r' : - : - : - }
 clip-pin' the sheep in the morn - ing. } Come, now,
 home at the top of the morn - ing. }



{ d' : t : l l s : - : - | d' : - : t ll : - : m | s : - : m ld : - : - }
 step it a - long; Foot it brave - ly, heel and toe;



{ r : - : r lr : - : m | s : - : l lr' : - : - | d' : - : s ll : d' : - : }
 Fill the air with hap - py song: To the clip-pin'



{ m : - : r lr : - : - | - : - : - | - : - : - | - : : l : : ^ ||
 on we go!

*clippin' - the clipping of the sheep

*og = young

† ploys = pranks

*bannocks = oatcakes



UIST TRAMPING SONG

"COME ALONG"

The original Gaelic words
by ARCHIBALD MacDONALD, Uist.

The English words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Tune by
JOHN R. BANNERMAN
arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Steady unflagging rhythm. Not fast

Key G { : | Instrumental | .m, m, :s, .l, | m :s, .l, ||

f CHORUS

Come a -

{ d :s, .l, | d :d .m | s .,s :s .m | s .s :m .r }

long, come a-long, let us foot it out to-geth-er; Come a -

{ d :d .m | s :m .s | l .,l :s .m | m .r :m .s }

long, come a-long, Be it fair or storm-y wea-ther, With the

{ l .,l :l .s | m .r :d .r | m .,r :d .l, | l, .s, :s, .l, }

hills of home be-fore us And the pur-ple of the hea-ther, Let us


{ d .,d :d .d | l .s :m .r }

sing in hap - py cho - rus, Come a -


1 & 2 Last time rit. Fine

{ d :s, .l, | d :— || d :s, .l, | d :— ||


long, come a-long! long, come a-long!



: l :s: :l: | d .s: :m .,r ld :d .m }
mp 1. So— gai - ly sings the lark, And the
mf 2. It's the call of sea and shore, It's the




|s: :s: :m ls :m .r }
 sky's— all a - wake With the
 tang of bog and peat, And the



|d .,d :d .m |s: :m .s }
 prom - ise of the day, — For the
 scent of brier and myr - tle That puts



|l .,l :s .m |r :m .s }
 road we glad - ly take; So it's
 ma - gic in our feet; So it's



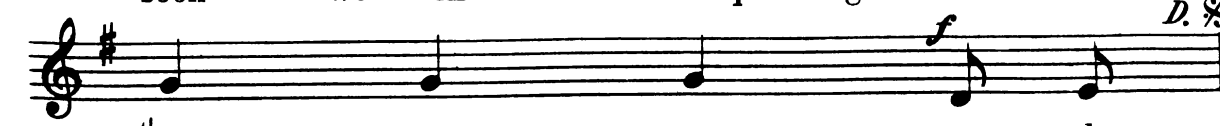
|l .,l :l .s |m .r :d .r }
 heel and toe and for - ward, Bid - ding
 on we go re - joic - ing, O - ver



|m .r :d .l, |l, .s, :s, .l, }
 fare - well to the town, — For the
 brack - en, o - ver stile; — And it's



|d .,d :d .d |l .s :m .r }
 wel - come that a - waits us Ere the
 soon we will be tramp - ing Out the



|d :d |d :s, .l, } *D. %*
 sun goes down. } Come a -
 last long mile. }

WESTERING HOME

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Old Dance Tune
arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Brightly, buoyantly, not too fast

2 rit. $\frac{5}{8}$ *f* a tempo CHORUS

Key A { *Two meas. Instrumental* || s₁ :-.l₁ :s₁ |s₁ :m₁ :s₁ }

West - er - ing home, and a

{ d :d :r |m :- :- | f :-.m :r |m :-.r :d }

song in the air, Light in the eye, and it's

{ l₁ :l₁ :s₁ |s₁ :- :- | s₁ :-.l₁ :s₁ |s₁ :m₁ :s₁ }

good - bye to care; Laugh - ter o' love, and a

(*Last time rit.*)

{ d :d :r |m :- :- | s :-.m :d |m :- :- :r }

wel - com - ing there; Isle of my heart, my

1 & 2


2

Last time Fine

{ d :- :- |d :- :- | d :- :- |d :- :- }


own one! *Two meas. Instrumental* || d :- :- |d :- :- }

own one!




 { | s :m :d ld :r :m | r :-.d :r ls, :- :- }

1. Tell me o' lands o' the O - ri-ent gay!
 2. Where are the folk like the folk o' the west?



 { | s, :d :d ld :r :m | f :-.m :f lr :- :- }

Speak o' the rich - es and joys o' Cath - ay!
¹Can - ty, and ²cou - thy, and kind - ly, the best;



 { | s :m :d ld :r :m | r :-.d :r ls, :- :f }

Eh, but it's grand to be wak - in'³ilk day To
 There I would hie me, and there I would rest At



 { | m :- .r :d lm :m :r | d :- :- ld :t, :l, ||

find your-self near - er to Is - la. (And it's)
 hame wi' my ain folk in Is - la. (And it's)

¹Canty means neat, trim.

²couthy (pronounced koothy) means homely.

³ilk means each.



To May Carruthers Greig, and the Aberdeen Arion Choir

MARIE'S WEDDING

SCOTTISH DANCE TUNES

ARRANGED FOR TWO-PART CHORUS (or UNIS.)

Words by
J. N. McCONOCHIE
 By kind permission

Arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Note:— Instruments to lead the dancing were not often available long ago in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. What was there to do but to sing the dance tunes! And sing them they did (and still do,) lip-lilting far into the night. The secret of the art lies in the sharp use of consonants. The words should be practised, apart from the tunes, as a rhythmic exercise. If the feet of the listeners are not itching to be going, the song is not being sung properly. The selection here consists of a Strathspey and two Reels.

Joyously, and with well-marked rhythm ♩=104

Lah is C || *Two meas. Instrumental* | l, .,d :m .,s | l :m' . ||

STRATHSPEY

|| l .,l :l .,l | l .,l :l .,l }

CHORUS Oo - vee ah - vee, oo - vee ah - vee,
 (1) Danc - ing at the Clach - an Inn, For
 (2) Heel and toe now let us go, A -

|| m .,m :m .,r | d .,r :m .,s }

Now to ban - ish care with laugh - ter,
 Ma - rie leaves the bo - ta - chan, A -
 danc - ing all at Ma - rie's wed - ding,

Note: The syllables—"Oo-vee avy" are mere vocables. "Varry van mo chree" means "Mary, my fair and dear one." "Botachan" means an old man. All are spelt here phonetically.

{ l .,l :l .,l | l .,l :l .,l }
 Oo - vee ah - vee, oo - vee ah - vee,
 danc - ing at the Clach - an Inn, For
 Toe and heel, we dance the reel, For

{ s .,s :t .,t | l :l }
 Here's a health to Ma - rie!
 Don - ald's wed to Ma - rie!
 Don - ald's wed to Ma - rie!

1st VOICE

2nd VOICE

{ l .,l :l .,l | l .,l :l .,l }
 { l, :d | m :l }
 Oo - vee ah - vee, oo - vee ah - vee,
 Oo - vee ah - vee,

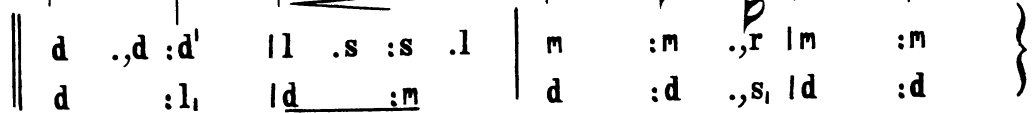
{ m .,m :m .,r | d .,r :m .,s }
 { m .,m :m .,r | d .,t, :l, .,s, }
 Now to ban - ish care with laugh - ter,
 Now to ban - ish care with laugh - ter,

{ l .,l :l .,l | l .,l :l .,l }
 { l, :d | m :l }
 Oo - vee ah - vee, oo - vee ah - vee,
 Oo - vee ah - vee,

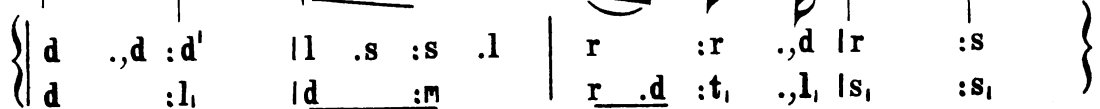
D. S. for verses 1 & 2 & Choruses

{ s .,s :t .,t | l :l }
 { m r d :t, .,t, | l, :m }
 Here's a health to Ma - rie!
 Here's a health to Ma - rie!

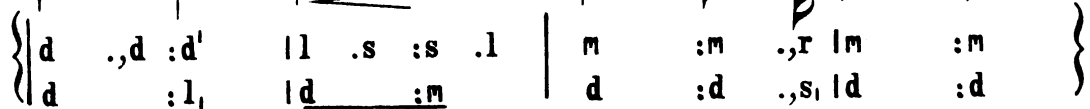
REEL I.

Faster ♩ = 144 *with increasing animation (first time mf, second time f.)*

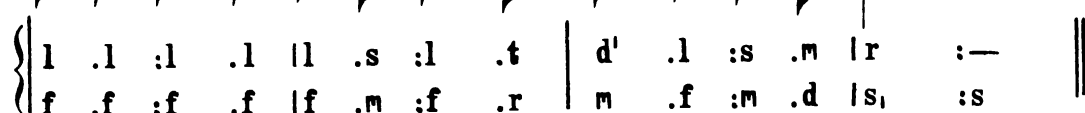
Mac - a-Phee, turn the cat-tle round Loch - a - Fo - ran,
 Mac - a - Phee! — round Loch - a - Fo - ran,



Mac - a-Phee, turn the cat-tle round Loch - a - Fo - ran,
 Mac - a - Phee! — round Loch - a - Fo - ran,



Mac - a-Phee, turn the cat-tle round Loch - a - Fo - ran,
 Mac - a - Phee! — round Loch - a - Fo - ran,



Here and there and ev-'ry-where, The cows are in the corn. —

Here and there and ev-'ry-where, The cows are in the corn. Hoy!

REEL II.

Full steam ahead. ♩ = 160, *first time mf, second time f.*

m .s :d' .l |s .m :m | m .d :m .,s |d' :s
 d .r :m .f |s .m :m | m .m :m .,r |m :—

Wait-ing at the sheil-ing 0, Var-ry van mo-chree,—

m .s :d' .l |s .m :m | m .d' :s .m |r :—
 d .r :m .f |s .m :m | m .m :m .d |r :s₁

Look-ing from the sheil-ing 0, Far a-way to sea,—

accel. (2nd time only)

m .s :d' .l |s .m :m | m .d :m .s |d' :s
 d .r :m .f |s .m :m | m .m :m .r |m :s

Home-ward come the bon-nie boats, Var-ry van mo-chree, And

l .l :l .s |l .s :l .t | d' .l :s .m |r :s .
 f .f :f .m |f .m :f .r | d .r :m .d |r :s₁ .

Home-ward come the bon-nie lads, Sing hey and ho and hee - o!

THE GLENLYON LAMENT

TWO-PART SONG (or UNISON)

Words adapted from
Two Scottish Ballads

Gaelic Air
arr. HUGH S. ROBERTON

This lament (or lullaby) is well-known throughout the Hebrides, although the incident giving rise to the lament occurred on the mainland. The subject is the mourning of a daughter of Campbell of Glenlyon on the death of her husband, Gregor Roy, who was executed at Kenmore, Loch Tay in 1570, by command of Sir Colin Campbell of Glenorchy. (Frances Tolmie)

With serene beauty, and deep feeling; never dragged

mf 1st VOICE

Two meas. Instrumental
Doh is Ab { r :-: | d :-: | s, :-: | l, :-: | s, :-: | d | m :-: | m }

1. * Wa - ly, wa - ly
2. Gone were but the

2nd VOICE

{ m :-: | s | m :r :-: | m :-: | s | l :-: | s | s :m :-: | l :-: | s, :-: | d | m :-: | m }

up the bank, Wa - ly doon the brae; — Wa - ly by yon
win - ter cold, Gone were but the snow; — I would sleep as

{ : : | : : | d :r :m | f :m :r | d : :s, | s, :m, :-: | - :-: | l :-: | s, :d }

1. Wa - ly doon the brae, the brae; — By yon
2. Gone were but the snow, the snow; — I would

With deeper significance

{ r :-: | d | l, :d :-: | m :-: | d | r :-: | r | r :d :-: | l :-: | ta, :-: | d | l, :-: | s, }

ri - ver-side, We were wont to gae. — } † Ho - van, ho - van,
sleep-eth he, — Where the vio - lets blow. — }

{ ta, :s, :m, | f, :-: | l, | s, :d :m, | f, :r, :s, | m, :-: | d, :-: | - :r, :m, | f, :m, :r, }

ri - ver-side, — We were wont to gae. } Ho - - van, ho - van,
sleep as he, — Where the vio - lets blow. }

{ m : - : d | m : r : - | m : - : s | l : - : s | s : m : - | l : - : - : - | s : d : r | m : - : m }
 ho - van ee-rie, Ho - van, ho - van O, Ho - van, ho - van,

{ d : m : s | l d : t : - | d : r : m | f : m : r | d : - : s | s : m : - | m : - : r | d : m : s }
 ho - van ee-rie, Ho - van, ho - van, ho - van O, Ho - van, ho - van,

{ r : - : d | l : d : - | m : - : d | r : - : r | r : d : - | l : - : - : - | : : | : : }
 ho - van ee-rie, Ho - van, ho - van O.

{ t a : s : m | f : - : l | s : d : m | f : r : s | m : - : - | d : - : - | : : | : : }
 ho - van ee - rie, Ho - van, ho - van O.

D. S. { : : | : : } || *pp* { r : d : - | l : - : - : - | t a : - : - | l : - : - : - | s : - : - | l : - : - : - }
 O. Ho - van O.

pp { : : | : : } || { m : - : - | d : r : m | s : - : - | f : - : - | m : - : - | l : - : - : - }
 O. Ho - van O.

* pronounced - *waily*, being simply a sound of wailing, as the Shakespearean 'Willow'

† hovan (a sound of grief) has no literal meaning.



THE DASHING WHITE SERGEANT

ARRANGED FOR TWO-PART (or UNISON)

Words by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

Arranged by
HUGH S. ROBERTON

The song should be sung through twice without pause, first with both repeats, and finally straight through without repeats when the first section should be '*pp*' and the second begin '*pp*' and work up to '*f*'

Steady, rhythmical, clearly articulate, and always vital

f (repeat *p*)

Key C $\{ m$

.s ,m || d .d :d ,r .m ,f }
 .s ,m || d .d :d ,r .m ,f }
 Now the fid - dler's rea - dy, let us

{ s .s :s .m',r' | d' .l :s .m | l .r :r .s ,m }
 { s ,f .m ,r :m .s | l .f :s .m | l .r :r .s ,m }
 all be - gin! So step it out, and step it in, To the

{ d .d :d ,r .m ,f | s .s :s .m' }
 { d .d :d ,r .m ,f | s ,f .m ,r :m .d }
 mer - ry mu - sic of the vi - o - lin We'll

{ r' .d' :t .l | s .,l :s ,f .m ,r || s : - . }
 { r .m :fe .fe | s : .m ,r || s : - . }
 dance the hours a - way. _____ Now the way. _____

f (repeat *p*)

s .s ,l :t .t ,d' | r' .r' ,t :s
 s , .s , :s , .s , | r , .r , :s
 Ka - tie and Peg - gy and Pat - sy and Coll,
 Ka - tie, Peg - gy, Pat - sy, Coll,

l .l ,t :d' .d' ,r' | m' .m' ,d' :l | t :d'
 l , .l , :l , .l , | m , .m , :l | .s : .s
 Cal - lum and Pe - ter and Flo - ra and Moll, Dance! Dance!
 Cal - lum, Pe - ter, Flo - ra, Moll, Dance! Dance!

r' :m' | f' .m' :r' .d' | t .l :s .f
 .s : .d' ,t | l .s :f .m | r .m ,f :s .s
 Dance! Dance! Dance a - way the hours to - geth - er,
 Dance! Dance! Dance a - way the hours to - geth - er,

m .d' :d' ,t .d' ,r' | d' .s :s | l .r' :r' ,de' .r' ,m'
 d . :m . | .s :d' .m' | l . :f .
 Dance till dawn be_ in the sky_ What care you and
 Dance! Dance! Dance,dance,dance! Dance! Dance!

r' .l :l .t | s .d' :d' ,t .d' ,r'
 r' .l :l .t | s ,f .m ,r :d ,t , .d ,r
 what care I?_ Hearts a - beat - ing,

m' .d' :d' ,t .d' ,r' | m' :r' (s') | d' :.
 m .d :l .fe | s .d' :d' .t | d' :d .
 spi - rits high, We'll dance, dance, Da - ance!