

Francesco Barsanti

A Collection of Old Scots Tunes,
With the Bass for
Violoncello or Harpsichord

Based on the 1742 Alexander Baillie Edition

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Composer's Preface

Having discovered, in several ancient Scots Tunes, an Elegance and Variety of Harmony equal to the Compositions of the most celebrated Masters of those Times; at the Desire of several Gentlemen of Taste, I applied myself to do Justice to those ancient Compositions, by a proper and natural Bass to each Tune, with the strictest regard to the Tune itself, and without any Alteration of the Tune to accommodate it to the Bass. As I flatter myself that this Attempt to revive the Taste of our Ancestors will not be disagreeable, I have submitted the same to the Judgment of the Publick, that, in case this should have the good Fortune to please, I may be encouraged to further Attempts of the same kind.

N.B. The Ten Concertos will in a few Months be delivered to the Subscribers, the Encouragers of that work.

Texts Set to the Tunes

Songs and ballads set to this collection of tunes can be found in the following publications. Alternative names used in these publications are placed in parentheses. Some songs and ballads may have been written after the publication of the first edition. No text could be found for *The Sutours of Selkirk*.

*The Mill Mill-O (The Mill, Mill, O)*¹

— Robert Burns, *The Merry Muses of Caledonia*

*The Bonny Earl of Murray*²

— Francis James Child, *The English and Scottish Popular Ballads, Part V*

Fife and All the Lands About It (Fife and a' the lands about it)

*Lord Aboyne's Welcome or Cumbernauld House (Where winding Forth)*³

— James Johnson, *The Scots Musical Museum, Vol. II*

*O Dear Mother, What Shall I Do (O dear minnie what shall I do)*⁴

— James Johnson, *The Scots Musical Museum, Vol. III*

*Clout the Caldron (Have you any Pots or Pans)*⁵

— James Johnson, *The Scots Musical Museum, Vol. VI*

*Johnnie Faa (Johnie Faa)*⁶

— Alexander Whitehall, *The Book of Scottish Ballads*

¹ Robert Burns, *The Merry Muses of Caledonia* (Kilmarnock: Burns Federation, 1911).

² Francis James Child, *The English and Scottish Popular Ballads, Part V* (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1889).

³ James Johnson, *The Scots Musical Museum, Vol. II* (Edinburgh: Johnson & Co, 1788).

⁴ James Johnson, *The Scots Musical Museum, Vol. III* (Edinburgh: Johnson & Co, 1790).

⁵ James Johnson, *The Scots Musical Museum, Vol. VI* (Edinburgh: Johnson & Co, 1803).

⁶ Alexander Whitehall, *The Book of Scottish Ballads; Collected and Illustrated with Historical and Critical Notices* (Glasgow: Blackie and Son, 1845).

Bonny Jean (Bonnie Jean)
Broom of Cowden Knows (Broom of Cowdenknows)
Busk Ye Busk Ye My Bonny Bride (Busk ye, busk ye)
Corn Riggs are Bonny (Corn Rigs)
Cromlet's Lilt
Dumbarton's Drums
Ettrick Banks
Gilderoy
Katherine Oggie (Kath'rine Ogie)
Lochaber
Logan Water
Peggy I Must Love Thee (Peggy, I must love thee)
Pinkie House
The Birks of Envermay (The Birks of Invermay)
The Bush aboon Traquair
The Highland Laddie
The Lass of Peatie's Mill (The Lass o' Patie's Mill)
The Last Time I Came o'er the Moor (I cam' o'er the muir)
Thro' the Wood Laddie (Through the wood, laddie)
To Danton Me (To Daunton me)
Waly Waly (Waly, Waly)
*Where Helen Lies (Helen of Kirkconnell)*⁷

— Alexander Whitehall, *The Book of Scottish Song*

⁷ Alexander Whitehall, *The Book of Scottish Song; Collected and Illustrated with Historical and Critical Notices* (Glasgow: Blackie and Son, 1843).

Editorial Notes

This edition is based on the 1742 first edition, which can be found electronically from the International Music Score Library Project, and the Glen Collection of Printed Music of the National Library of Scotland.^{8, 9}

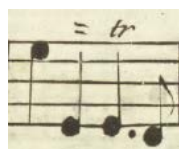
Barsanti, Francesco. *A Collection of Old Scots Tunes, with the Bass for Violoncello or Harpsichord*. Edinburgh: Alexander Baillie, 1742. Accessed August 25, 2019. International Music Score Library Project. [https://imslp.org/wiki/A_Collection_of_Old_Scots_Tunes_\(Barsanti%2C_Francesco\)](https://imslp.org/wiki/A_Collection_of_Old_Scots_Tunes_(Barsanti%2C_Francesco)).

Barsanti, Francesco. *A Collection of Old Scots Tunes, with the Bass for Violoncello or Harpsichord*. Edinburgh: Alexander Baillie, 1742. Accessed August 25, 2019. Glen Collection of Printed Music, National Library of Scotland. <https://digital.nls.uk/special-collections-of-printed-music/archive/102744454>.

The composer's preface can only be found in the digital copy from the International Music Score Library Project, while *Gilderoy* and *The Mill Mill-O* are only seen in the digital copy from the National Library of Scotland's Glen Collection of Printed Music.



Rising diagonal lines are, according to the “*Marques des Agrements et leur signification*” found in *Pièces de clavecin* by Jean-Henri D'Anglebert, interpreted as 2-note acciaccaturas from below the principle note. They have been notated as such.



Horizontal parallel lines are interpreted as turns.

Editorial additions are indicated as follows: slurs by dashed lines, and cautionary accidentals in brackets. Figured bass and accidentals have been updated according to modern notation conventions. Unless otherwise noted, no other editorial changes, save for those mentioned above, have been made to the score.

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⁸ Francesco Barsanti, *A Collection of Old Scots Tunes, with the Bass for Violoncello or Harpsichord* (Edinburgh: Alexander Baillie, 1742), accessed August 25, 2019, International Music Score Library Project, [https://imslp.org/wiki/A_Collection_of_Old_Scots_Tunes_\(Barsanti%2C_Francesco\)](https://imslp.org/wiki/A_Collection_of_Old_Scots_Tunes_(Barsanti%2C_Francesco)).

⁹ Barsanti, *A Collection of Old Scots Tunes*, accessed August 25, 2019, Glen Collection of Printed Music, National Library of Scotland, <https://digital.nls.uk/special-collections-of-printed-music/archive/102744454>.

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Dumbarton's Drums

Slow

tr *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 9 8 6

5

tr *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6

8

tr *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

$\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{5}{3}$ 6 6 6 6

13

tr *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6 6

This musical score is for a piece titled "Dumbarton's Drums". It is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and common time (C). The tempo is marked "Slow". The score consists of 16 measures, divided into four systems of four measures each. The notation includes various rhythmic values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes), rests, and trills (marked with "tr"). Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 below the notes. In the first system, measures 1-4, the bass staff has fingerings 6 6, 6 9 8, and 6. In the second system, measures 5-8, the bass staff has fingerings 6 6 6 6, 6, and 6. In the third system, measures 9-12, the bass staff has fingerings $\frac{6}{4}$ $\frac{5}{3}$ 6 6, 6, and 6. In the fourth system, measures 13-16, the bass staff has fingerings 6 6 6 6, 6 6, and 6. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots in measure 16.

Katherine Oggie

Slow
tr

tr

tr

tr

5

tr

tr

tr

8

tr

tr

tr

tr

13

tr

tr

tr

tr

Ettrick Banks

Slow *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 4 5 # 6 6 6 6 6 6 4 5 3 6

5 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 4 5 # 6 6 6 6 #

8 *tr*

6 6 7 6 b 6 7 5

13 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 #

Musical score for "The Rose Tree" in 3/4 time. The score is written for a single melodic line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked "Slow".

The score consists of four systems of music, each with a treble staff and a bass staff. The first system starts with a treble staff containing a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with trills (tr) and slurs. The bass staff contains a simple accompaniment of eighth and sixteenth notes, with fingerings 7, 6, and 6 indicated below.

The second system continues the melody in the treble staff, featuring a repeat sign and a trill. The bass staff has a repeat sign and a trill, with fingerings 6, 6, 5, 4, 2, and 6 indicated below.

The third system shows the melody in the treble staff with a trill and a slur. The bass staff has a trill and a slur, with fingerings 6, 6, 6, 5, and 6 indicated below.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a trill and a slur in the treble staff. The bass staff has a trill and a slur, with fingerings 6, 6, and 6 indicated below.

The Lass of Peatie's Mill

Slow *tr*

4 2 5 6 6 4 3 6 6

5 *tr*

4 2 5 6

8 *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 4 3 6

13 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 4 2 6 6 5 4 3

Slow

tr

tr

tr

6

6 6

6

6

5

tr

tr

tr

tr

5

6

6

6

9

tr

tr

tr

6

6 6 6

6

6

6

13

tr

tr

tr

5

6

6

6

Busk Ye Busk Ye My Bonny Bride

Slow

5

9

13

6 6 6 6 6 6 4 3

6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3 6 6 6

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3 6 6 6

The Last Time I Came o'er the Moor

Slow

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in D major (two sharps) and common time (C). The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The piece consists of 15 measures, divided into four systems. The first system contains measures 1-4, the second system measures 5-8, the third system measures 9-12, and the fourth system measures 13-15. The melody is characterized by frequent trills (tr) and slurs. The bass line is a simple accompaniment in the bass clef, featuring a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes. Fingering numbers (6, 7) are provided for the left hand in measures 1-12. Measure 13 begins with a repeat sign. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots in measure 15.

6 7 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

5

6 7 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

8

6 7 6 6 6 5 6 6 6 6 5 6

13

6 6 6 6 6 6 5 3

Corn Riggs are Bonny

Slow

tr *tr* *tr* *tr*

5

tr *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

8

tr *tr*

13

tr *tr* *tr*

The musical score is written for a piano in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system begins with a 'Slow' tempo marking and a fermata over the first measure. Trills (tr) are indicated above the second and fourth measures of the first system, and above the second and fourth measures of the second system. The third system has trills above the second and fourth measures. The fourth system has trills above the second, fourth, and sixth measures. The bass line features various fingering numbers (6, 5, 4, 3, 2) and a fermata in the final measure of the second system. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Waly Waly

Slow *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6

4 *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

b6 6 6 6 6 b6 6 6 6

9 *tr* *tr* 6

6 # b6 6 6 6

Johnnie Faa

Slow

tr

tr

5

tr

tr

tr

9

*)

tr

tr

**)

13

tr

tr

tr

Si ripete la seconda parte

*) *The slur starts on the d'' crotchet and ends at an ambiguous location in the first edition.*

****)** *The slur starts on the d" appoggiatura and ends on the d" minim in the first edition.*

Lord Aboyne's Welcome or Cumbernauld House

Slow

tr *tr* *tr* *tr*

4

tr *tr* *tr* *tr*

9

tr *tr* *tr* *tr*

This musical score is for a piece titled "Lord Aboyne's Welcome or Cumbernauld House". It is written for a piano in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is marked "Slow". The score consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The first system (measures 1-3) features a melody in the treble staff with four trills marked "tr" and a bass line with a "6" fingering. The second system (measures 4-6) continues the melody with four more trills and a bass line with "6" fingerings and a "6 4 5 3" sequence. The third system (measures 7-9) concludes the piece with four trills and a bass line with "6" fingerings and a "6 4 5 3" sequence. The piece ends with a double bar line.

The Bush aboon Traquair

Slow

The musical score is written for a piano in D major (two sharps) and common time (C). It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The first system (measures 1-3) features a melody in the treble staff with trills (tr) and a bass line with sixteenth-note patterns. The second system (measures 4-6) continues the melody with trills and a more complex bass line. The third system (measures 7-9) concludes the piece with a final melody line and a bass line. Fingering numbers (6, 4, 3, 5) are indicated below the bass staff in several places. The piece ends with a double bar line.

6 6 6 6 6 4 3

4

tr

tr

tr

6 6 6 6 6 4 3 6 5

9

tr

tr

6 6 6 6 5 4 3

To Danton Me

Slow

The musical score is written for piano and bass. It consists of three systems of two staves each. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked 'Slow'. Fingerings are indicated by the number '6' below the bass staff notes. Trills are marked with 'tr' above the piano staff notes. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system begins with a repeat sign and a measure rest for 4 measures. The third system begins with a measure rest for 9 measures. The score concludes with a double bar line.

The Birks of Envermay

Slow

tr

5

tr *tr* *tr*

8

tr *tr* *tr* *tr*

13

tr *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 7 7 6 6 6 6 6

6 6 7 7 6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

6 6 7 7 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

6 6 6 6 5 4 3 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

Fife and All the Lands About It

Slow

The musical score is written for a fife and bass. It consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system is marked 'Slow'. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (C). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and trills (tr). Fingering numbers (6, 4, 5, 3) are provided for the bass line. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

5

9

13

6 6 6 6 6 6 # 6 #

6 6 6 6 # 6 6 6 5 6 5 #

6 # 6 6 6 5 6 5 3

Peggy I Must Love Thee

Slow

tr *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6 5 4 3

4

tr *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

9

tr *tr* *tr*

6 6 7 6 6 6 6 6 4 3

The image displays a musical score for the piece 'Peggy I Must Love Thee'. It is written for a single melodic line in treble clef and a single bass line in bass clef, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and common time (C). The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 3. The second system contains measures 4 through 6. The third system contains measures 9 through 11. The notation includes various musical symbols: eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and trills (marked 'tr'). The bass line features numerous fingerings indicated by numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The piece concludes with a repeat sign at the end of the final measure.

Logan Water

Slow *tr*

5 *tr* *tr* *tr*

8 *tr*

13 *tr* *tr* *tr*

Fingering numbers and accidentals are present throughout the score, including: #, 6, 6, 4, 3, 6, 6, 5, 3, 7, 6, #, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 4, 5, 3, 7, 6, #, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 4, 5, 3, 7, 6, #.

Pinkie House

Slow *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

5 *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

8 *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

13 *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 4 3 6 6

6 6 6 6 4 5 3

6 6 # 6 6 4 #

6 6 5 3 6 4 3

The Sutours of Selkirk

Slow ♩

6 6 6 6 6

7 *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr* D.S.

6 6 6 6

13 ♩ *tr* *tr* ♩ *tr*

$\frac{4}{2}$ 5 6 $\frac{4}{2}$ 5 6 $\frac{4}{2}$

19 ♩ *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 $\frac{4}{2}$ 6 6 6 6

Cromlet's Lilt

Slow

tr

tr

6

tr

tr

tr

11

tr

16

tr

6 5 7 6

6 6 6 7 6 6 6

6 5 6 4 5 3

6 6 5 6 6 7

Bonny Jean

Slow *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

5

tr *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

9

tr *tr* *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

14

tr *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

Thro' the Wood Laddie

Slow

tr

tr

5

tr

tr

6 5

4 3

9

tr

tr

7 6 6 6 6

13

tr

tr

tr

6 6 6

16

tr

tr

7 6 6

21

tr

tr

6

25

6 6 6 6

29

6 6 6 6

Clout the Caldron

Slow

4 5 6 6 6 6 6 6

5

6 5 6 5 6 5 6 5

O Dear Mother, What Shall I Do

Slow

5

9

13

17

21

6 6 5

6 6 4 3

6 6 5 6

6 4 3

6 6 6 6 4 5 3

6 4 5 3 4 3

tr

tr

tr

tr

tr

tr

tr

25 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6

29 *tr* *tr*

6 4 3

Broom of Cowden Knows

Slow *tr* *tr* *tr*

4 6 6 5 6 6
2 4 3

5 *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 5 4 6 6
4 3 2

Where Helen Lies

Slow

The musical score is written for a piano and a vocal line. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number at the beginning of the vocal line.

System 1 (Measures 1-5): The vocal line begins with a trill on the first measure, followed by a trill on the third measure, and another trill on the fifth measure. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple bass line with fingerings 6, 6, and 6 indicated below the notes.

System 2 (Measures 6-10): The vocal line features a trill on the seventh measure and another trill on the ninth measure. The piano accompaniment includes fingerings 6, 4, 3, and 6 below the notes.

System 3 (Measures 11-15): The vocal line has a trill on the twelfth measure and a fermata on the thirteenth measure. The piano accompaniment includes fingerings 6, 6, 6/5, 4, and 3 below the notes.

System 4 (Measures 16-20): The vocal line features a trill on the seventeenth measure and a fermata on the nineteenth measure. The piano accompaniment includes fingerings 6, 6, 6, 6/4, 5/4, 6, and 6 below the notes.

21

6 4 3

26

6 6 6 5 4 3

The Bonny Earl of Murray

Slow

6/4 5/3 5 6 6 6 6

7

7/45 6 6/4 5/3

Gilderoy

Slow

5

8

13

6 5 6 6 6 6 4 #

6 5 6 6 6 6 4 #

6 5 6 6 6 6 4 #

6 5 6 6 6 6 4 #

The Mill Mill-O

Slow

6 6 6 6 6

4

6 6 5 6 6 6

9

6 6 6 6 6