

# Portglenone CCE

## Irish Traditional Music Group



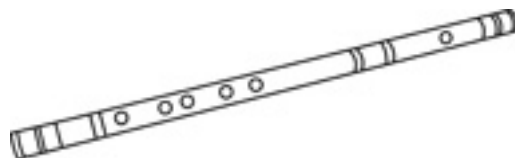
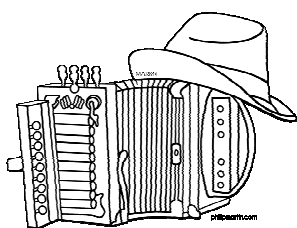
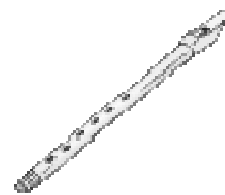
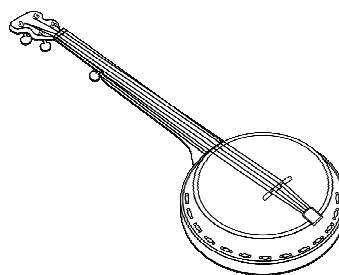
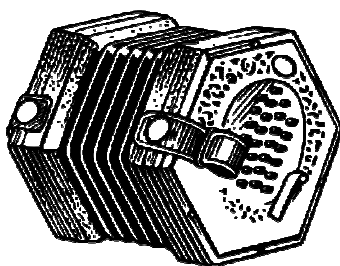
## Beginners Booklet FOR Irish Traditional Music



My name is: \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

I am learning the



My music teacher's name is

\_\_\_\_\_



Most of the tunes in this book are songs. If you know how to sing the songs, this will really help you when you are learning the tune. Before you learn the tune, sing the song a few times and then sing it in your head while you are learning it. This will help you to play the notes the correct length.

First, learn the 'D Scale'. Notes in the D scale appear in these tunes and if you can play it off by heart, learning these tunes will be a lot easier.





# TUNES

## Using C Sharp

### (Simple)

- 1) Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- 2) Row Row Row Your Boat
- 3) Hickory Dickory Dock
- 4) How Much is That Doggie in the Window?
- 5) This Old Man
- 6) 3 Blind Mice
- 7) Old McDonald Had a Farm
- 8) London Bridge is Falling Down
- 9) I'm a Little Teapot
- 10) Bog Braon don tSeanduine

## Using C Natural

### (Simple)

- 11) Mary Had a Little Lamb
- 12) B-I-N-G-O
- 13) Alouette
- 14) Hush Little Baby
- 15) The Wheels on the Bus
- 16) Frere Jacques
- 17) Insy Winsy Spider
- 18) Thugamar Féin an Samhradh Linn

## Using C Sharp

### (More Challenging)

- 19) Ím Bím Babaró
- 20) My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean
- 21) The Dawning of the Day
- 22) Báidín Fheidhlimí
- 23) Trasna na dTonnta
- 24) Peigín Leitir Móir
- 25) The Harp That Once

## Using C Natural

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- 26) Mo Chailín Rua
- 27) Oró Bog Liom Í
- 28) If You're Happy and You Know It
- 29) Pop Goes the Weasel
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- 31) Cad É Sin don Té Sin?
- 32) Shoe the Donkey
- 33) Buachaill Ón Éirne
- 34) The South Wind

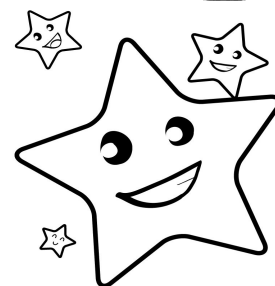
## Christmas Tunes

- 35) Jingle Bells
- 36) Silent Night
- 37) O Come, All Ye Faithful
- 38) Away in a Manger
- 39) Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- 40) O Christmas Tree





## Using C Sharp (Simple)



1

### Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

This is a very popular English lullaby. What does 'lullaby' mean?

Can you pick out the bars/notes in the tune that are repeated?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Row Row Row Your Boat

Look at the different ways notes are written in this tune. This tells you how long each note needs to be played for. Here you are playing crotchets, quavers and minims!



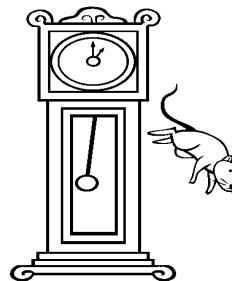
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tune! 😊  
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# Hickory Dickory Dock



If you play your 'D' Scale a few times first, it will be easier to learn this tune. Draw a line under the notes that are copied in a 'D' Scale.

This song was first published in a book around 1744. How many years ago was that?



I know this tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4

# How Much is that Doggy?

The last 3 bars in this tune are in your 'D' Scale.



I know this tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# This Old Man



Draw a line under the notes that are copied in a 'D' Scale.



I know this tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_





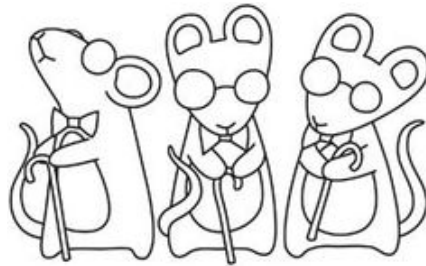
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### 3 Blind Mice

Lots bars are repeated in this tune.  
Can you pick them out and underline them?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Which note do you hear the most in this tune?  
Some bars are repeated in this tune. Can you pick them out and underline them?



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tune! 😊  
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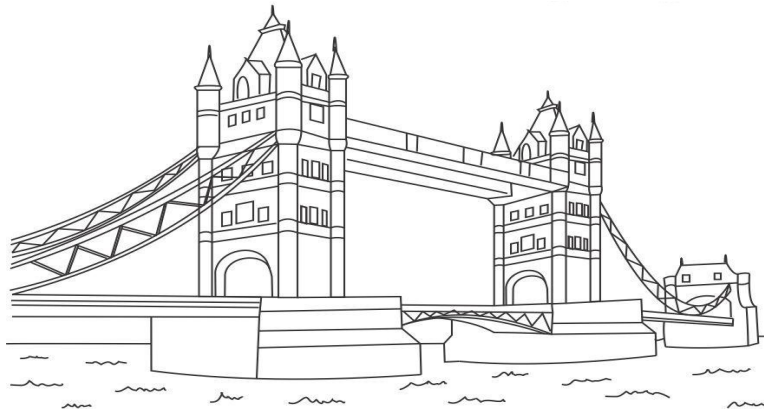




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# London Bridge is Falling Down

Do you know where London is?  
There is a bridge in Portglenone. What river does it cross over?



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tune! 😊  
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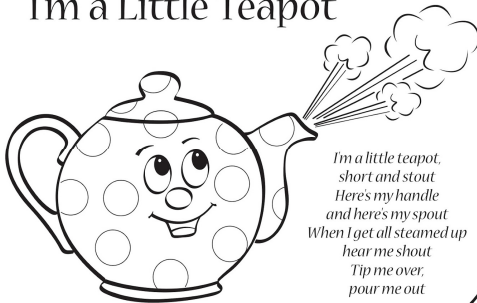
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# I'm a Little Teapot

Some bars are repeated in this tune. Can you pick them out and underline them?  
There is a symbol in this tune called a 'rest'.  
Do you see it? This means stop for 1 second.



I'm a Little Teapot



*I'm a little teapot,  
short and stout  
Here's my handle  
and here's my spout  
When I get all steamed up  
hear me shout  
Tip me over,  
pour me out*

I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Bog Braon don tSeanduine

'Bog Braon don tSeanduine' means 'soft drop for the baby'.  
This is an Irish lullaby. Do you remember what 'lullaby' means?  
What other lullaby have you learned?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Using C Natural (Simple)

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# Mary Had A Little Lamb

Can you pick out the crotchets and minims in this tune? The last note is a Semibreve.



I know this  
tune! 😊  
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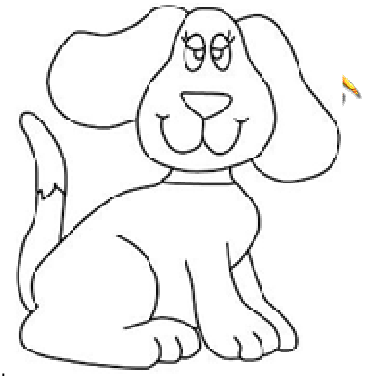
MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB






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# B-I-N-G-O



What does  mean?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

13

# Alouette

This is a popular French Canadian children's song about a 'Lark' (a bird).  
Look at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> line. Do you see two dots? This symbol is called a  
'repeat sign' and means that you repeat this line.

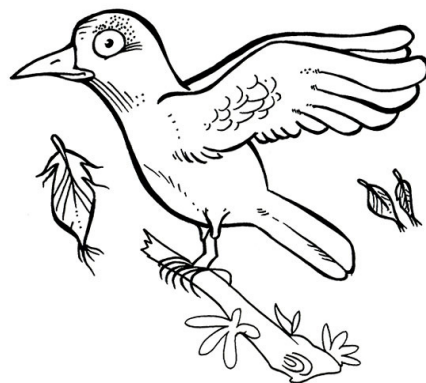
Do you see this symbol again in the tune? What will you repeat?

The 1<sup>st</sup> line is repeated somewhere in the second part.

Underline where it's repeated.



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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# Hush Little Baby

This is another lullaby. Do you remember what 'lullaby' means?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
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# The Wheels on the Bus

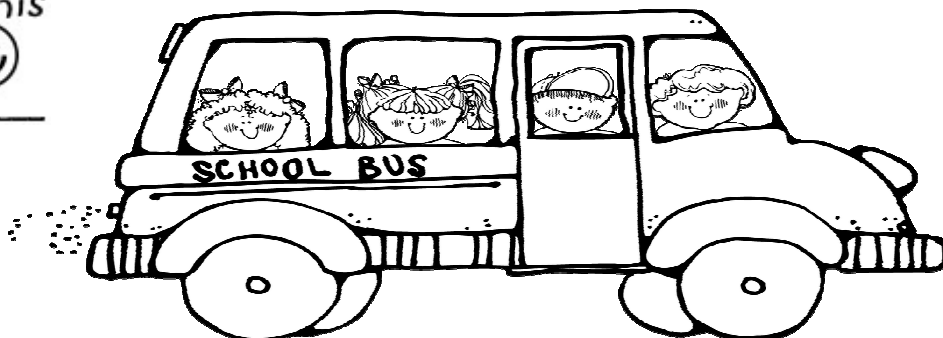
In this tune, you play crotchets, minims and quavers.

Can you point to each one?

Which notes are repeated in this tune?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
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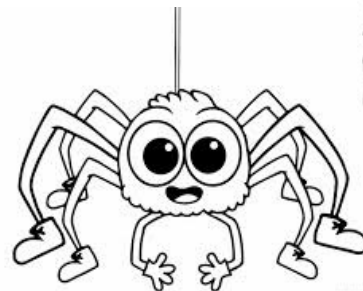
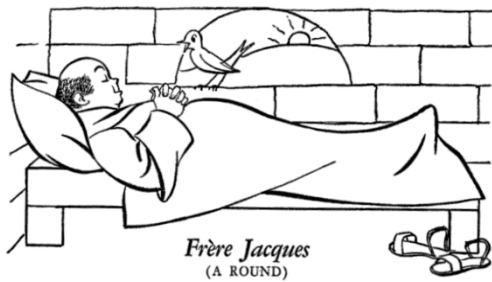
# Frere Jacques

This is a French nursery rhyme. The song tells the story of a monk, Brother Jacob, who has overslept. He must wake up to ring the bells for the midnight or very early morning prayers.

Did you know that some monks live in Portglenone? Do you know where they live? Have you ever heard any of them ringing the bell?

A lot of the notes in this tune are repeated.

This will make it easier for you to learn it off by heart.



I know this tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

17

# Insy Winsy Spider

It would be very difficult to do the actions to this song and play the tune at the same time!!!



I know this tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



18

# Thugamar Féin an Samhradh Linn

This is an old traditional Irish tune sung on May Day (May 1<sup>st</sup>).

'Samhradh' means summer and the song title translates as:

'We Have Brought the Summer In'.

Do you know which notes are crotchets and minims in this tune and how long you play each note for?

Musical notation for the tune 'Thugamar Féin an Samhradh Linn'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The notes are: Staff 1: G4 (crotchet), A4 (crotchet), B4 (crotchet), G4 (minim), F#4 (minim), E4 (minim), D4 (minim). Staff 2: D4 (minim), E4 (minim), F#4 (minim), G4 (minim), A4 (crotchet), B4 (crotchet), G4 (crotchet), F#4 (crotchet). Staff 3: E4 (minim), D4 (minim), C#4 (minim), B3 (minim), A3 (minim), G3 (minim), F#3 (minim), E3 (minim). Staff 4: D3 (minim), C#3 (minim), B2 (minim), A2 (minim), G2 (minim), F#2 (minim), E2 (minim), D2 (minim).

I know this tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Using C Sharp (More Challenging)

19

# Ím Bím Babaró

Draw a line under the notes that are copied in a 'D' Scale.

Musical notation for the tune 'Ím Bím Babaró'. It consists of three staves of music in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The notes are: Staff 1: D4 (crotchet), E4 (crotchet), F#4 (crotchet), G4 (crotchet), A4 (crotchet), B4 (crotchet), G4 (crotchet), F#4 (crotchet), E4 (crotchet), D4 (crotchet). Staff 2: D4 (crotchet), E4 (crotchet), F#4 (crotchet), G4 (crotchet), A4 (crotchet), B4 (crotchet), G4 (crotchet), F#4 (crotchet), E4 (crotchet), D4 (crotchet). Staff 3: D4 (crotchet), E4 (crotchet), F#4 (crotchet), G4 (crotchet), A4 (crotchet), B4 (crotchet), G4 (crotchet), F#4 (crotchet), E4 (crotchet), D4 (crotchet).

I know this tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean



This is a traditional Scottish folk song.  
It is in Waltz time, so someone listening can dance a waltz while you're playing it!



I know this  
tune! 😊  
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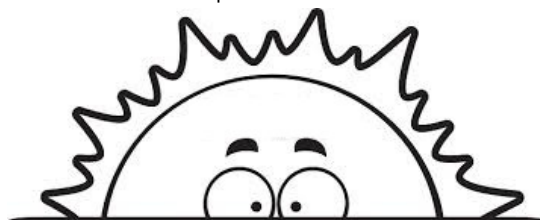
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## The Dawning of the Day

It looks like a tune that has a lot of notes in it to learn, but half of it is repeated. Can you see the lines that are repeated?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
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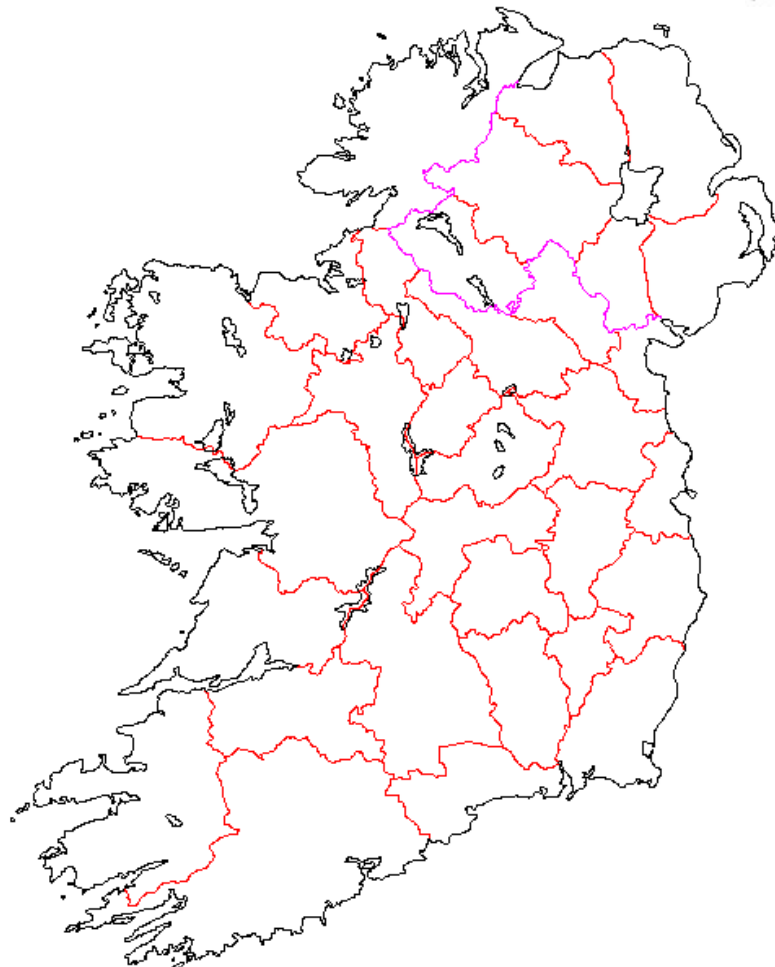
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## Báidín Fheidhlímí

This is a traditional Irish song which originates in the Gaeltacht region in the north-west of Co. Donegal. It is about a small boat owned by a man called Feilimí (Phelim). The song tells us about Feilimí sailing his little boat to Gabhla (Gola) and Toraigh (Tory). Can you mark on the map below where Co. Donegal, Gabhla (Gola) and Toraigh (Tory) are?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_





23

## Trasna na dTonnta

This song means 'Over the Waves' and is about someone sailing west back to Ireland.

Most of these notes are in an octave higher than the last tunes.  
Practice your 'D' scale in the higher octave before learning this tune.



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

24

## Peigín Leitir Móir

This song tells us about a beautiful woman called Peigín from Leitir Móir.  
'Leitir Móir' is in Co. Galway.

Can you mark on the map on pg. 14 where Leitir Móir is?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_





25

# The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls

Tara, in Co. Meath, was home to Irish high kings before the time of St. Patrick.

The harp is the national symbol of Ireland.  
Can you mark on the map on page 14 where Co. Meath is?  
Did you know that the Irish harp has over 30 strings?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_







## Using C Natural (More Challenging)

26

### Mo Chailín Rua

'Mo Chailín Rua' translates as 'My Red-Haired Girl'.

This is a song to the beautiful Cailín Rua who takes everything the poet has to offer and then leaves him for a 'shop boy' in the end.

The tune of this song has a mixture of crotchets (long) and quavers (short) in it.

Musical notation for 'Mo Chailín Rua' in G major, 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written in crotchets and quavers.

27

### Oró Bog Liom Í

This is a love song about a man in love with a brown-haired girl, but her Daddy doesn't know.

This tune is in  $\frac{6}{8}$  timing and played like a very slow jig. Most of the notes are written in groups of 3. If you count '1-2-3, 1-2-3' when you're playing these groups of 3, this will help with your timing.

There are a lot of the same notes repeated in this tune. If you underline the notes that are the same, you'll see that you have less to learn!

Musical notation for 'Oró Bog Liom Í' in G major, 6/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in groups of three notes.

I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I know this  
tune! 😊  
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# If You're Happy and You Know It!




Do you see this symbol  in the tune? Do you remember what it means? What tune did you see it in earlier in the book?

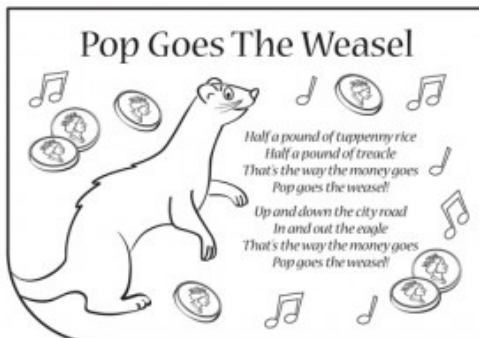



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# Pop Goes the Weasel

I know this tune!   
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This tune began as dance music and words were added later.  
Look at the time signature. Where did you see this time signature before?  
What dance was the music for?



I know this tune!   
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



30

# Dilín Ó Deamhas

"Dilín ó Deamhas" is a traditional Irish nursery rhyme for kids.  
 There is also an English version of this song, called "She Didn't Dance".  
 This is a song to sing with a little child in your lap.  
 When played as a tune, it's a Slip Jig.

Musical notation for the song "Dilín Ó Deamhas". It consists of three staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first two staves are in 9/8 time, and the third staff is in 12/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for a nursery rhyme.

I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

31

# Cad É Sin don Té Sin?

This tune is in Jig time. You have learned some other tunes in Jig time.  
 Can you name them?

Remember to count 1-2-3, 1-2-3 when playing this tune and it will help you  
 to keep in time.

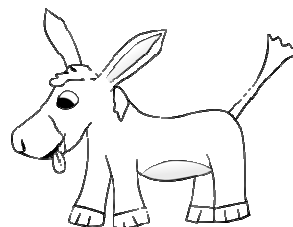
Musical notation for the tune "Cad É Sin don Té Sin?". It is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is a simple jig.

I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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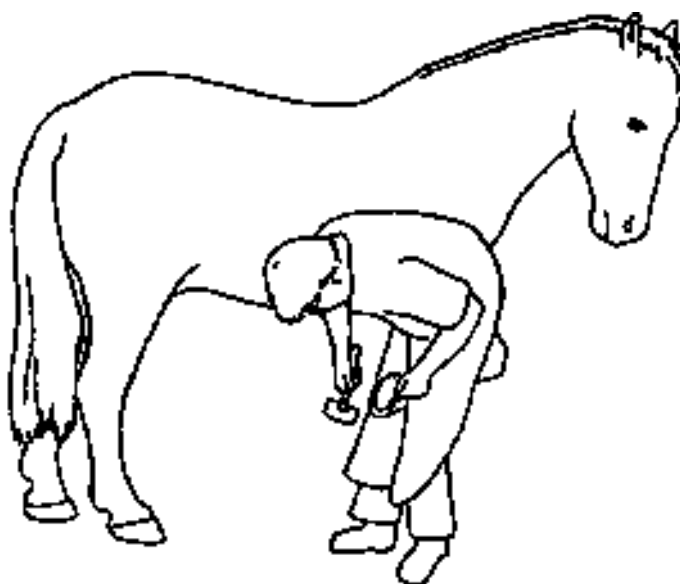
# Shoe the Donkey



There is a special two-hand dance that goes with the tune.  
 A blacksmith would shoe a donkey by holding the hoof to be shoed across  
 and in front of the supporting leg (cross the buckle). This is the starting  
 position for this two-hand dance.  
 Say 'Shoe the Donkey' in your head when you're playing the first four bars  
 and this will help with your timing.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff continues the melody. The sixth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

I know this  
 tune! 😊  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_





33

## Buachail Ón Éirne

This is a song about 'The Boy from the River Erne'. It tells the story of a rich boy who could get any nice young girl he wanted because he was rich and owned Co.Cork, two sides of the glen, and Co.Tyrone.

The River Erne is in the northwest of Ireland flowing through lots of Ulster counties. It rises in Beaghly Lough in Co. Cavan and flows 64 miles to the sea at Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.

Label these places on the map on page 14.

This tune is also a waltz.



34

## The South Wind

This tune is also played as a waltz.

In this tune, you will play a mixture of quavers, crotchets, dotted crotchets and minims. Can you point them out?

What do you count for each one?



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# Christmas Tunes

35

## Jingle Bells



Fine



D.S. al Fine



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

36

## Silent Night



I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



SILENT NIGHT





37

# O Come, All Ye Faithful



Musical notation for 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' consisting of four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time.

I know this tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

38

# Away in a Manger

Musical notation for 'Away in a Manger' consisting of three staves of music in G major and 3/4 time.

I know this tune! 😊  
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# Hark the Herald Angels Sing



Musical notation for 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music.

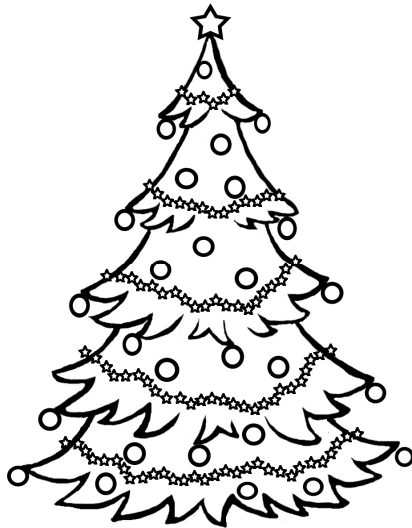
I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

40

# O Christmas Tree

Musical notation for 'O Christmas Tree' in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music.

I know this  
tune! 😊  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_







# Certificate of Achievement

This is to certify  
that

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can successfully play 10 tunes from the

Portglenone CCE Beginner Booklet  
for  
Irish Traditional Music.

Well done and congratulations.  
You have done an amazing job!



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_





# Certificate of Achievement

This is to certify  
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can successfully play 20 tunes from the

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Irish Traditional Music.

Well done and congratulations.  
You have done an amazing job!



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Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_



# Certificate of Achievement

This is to certify  
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can successfully play 30 tunes from the  
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Well done and congratulations.  
You have done an amazing job!



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# Certificate of Achievement

This is to certify  
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can successfully play 40 tunes from the  
Portglenone CCE Beginner Booklet  
for  
Irish Traditional Music.

Well done and congratulations.  
You have done an amazing job!



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Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_





On \_\_\_\_\_, I played in my 1<sup>st</sup> session.

Here are some of the tunes I played:

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_

4: \_\_\_\_\_

5: \_\_\_\_\_

