

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 acciacaturas 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*

5

tr *tr*

8

tr *tr* *tr* *tr*

13

tr *tr*

6 6 6 9 8 6

6 6 6 6 6 6

6 5 4 3 6 6 6 6

6 6 6 6 6 6

Katherine Oggie

Slow
tr

5

8

13

tr

tr

tr

tr

6 6 6 6 5 5 6 6 5

6 6 6 6 5 6 6 5 7 6 #

6 6 6 6 6 6 5

6 5 6 6 6 6 5 6

6 5 # 6 5 6 6 # 7 6 #

Ettrick Banks

Slow *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 6

4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

5 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 6

4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

8 *tr*

6 6 7 6 6 7 5

4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

13 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 6

4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

Lochaber

Musical score for "The Rose Tree" in 3/4 time. The score is written for a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked "Slow". The score includes various musical notations such as trills (tr), slurs, and fingerings (7, 6, 5, 4, 2, 6, 5, 6). The piece is divided into measures, with measure numbers 7, 13, and 19 indicated. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Lass of Peatie's Mill

Slow *tr*

4 2 5 6 6 4 3 6 6

5 *tr* *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

The Highland Laddie

Slow

tr *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6

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

5 6 6 6

9 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6

13 *tr* *tr* *tr*

5 6 6 6

Busk Ye Busk Ye My Bonny Bride

Slow

6 6 6 6 6 6 4 3

5

6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3 6 6 6

9

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

13

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 instrument, likely a flute or violin, in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time (C). It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The score includes various musical notations: eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and trills (marked 'tr'). Fingerings are indicated by numbers 6, 7, and 6 below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

5

8

13

Corn Riggs are Bonny

Slow

tr tr tr tr tr

6 6 6 6 6 5 4 3

5

tr tr tr tr tr

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

8

tr tr

6 6 6 6 6 4 2 6

13

tr tr tr

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

The image displays a musical score for the piece "Corn Riggs are Bonny". It is written for a piano in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The score is divided into four systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The first system begins with a "Slow" tempo marking and a fermata over the first measure. Trills (tr) are indicated above the first and third measures of the treble staff. Fingering numbers (6, 5, 4, 3) are placed below the bass staff. The second system starts at measure 5 and features trills in measures 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 of the treble staff. The third system starts at measure 8 and includes trills in measures 8 and 10 of the treble staff. The fourth system starts at measure 13 and has trills in measures 13, 15, and 17 of the treble staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fourth system.

Waly Waly

Slow *tr*

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

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

♭6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

9 *tr* *tr* 6

6 # 6 6 6 6

Johnnie Faa

Slow *tr* *tr*

6 5 6 6 4 3 6 6

5 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 5 6 6 4 3 6 6

9 **)* *tr* *tr* ***)*

6 6 6 4 5 6 6 6 6

13 *tr* *tr* *tr* *Si ripete la seconda parte*

6 6 6 4 3 6 6

**) 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

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of three systems of staves, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The tempo is marked 'Slow'. Trills (tr) are indicated above several notes in the treble staff of each system. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 below notes in the bass staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

System 1 (Measures 1-3):

- Measure 1: Treble staff has a trill on G4. Bass staff has a 6 under the first note (G2).
- Measure 2: Treble staff has a trill on A4. Bass staff has a 6 under the first note (A2).
- Measure 3: Treble staff has a trill on B4. Bass staff has a 6 under the first note (B2).

System 2 (Measures 4-6):

- Measure 4: Treble staff has a trill on C5. Bass staff has a 6 under the first note (C3).
- Measure 5: Treble staff has a trill on D5. Bass staff has a 6 under the first note (D3).
- Measure 6: Treble staff has a trill on E5. Bass staff has a 6 under the first note (E3).

System 3 (Measures 7-9):

- Measure 7: Treble staff has a trill on F5. Bass staff has a 6 under the first note (F3).
- Measure 8: Treble staff has a trill on G5. Bass staff has a 6 under the first note (G3).
- Measure 9: Treble staff has a trill on A5. Bass staff has a 6 under the first note (A3).

Fingerings in the bass staff for measures 1-9 are: 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6.

The Bush aboon Traquair

Slow

6 6 6 6 6 4 3

4

tr

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 4 3 6 5

9

tr

6 6 6 6 5 4 3

To Danton Me

Slow

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

4 *tr* 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

9 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

The Birks of Envermay

Slow *tr*

6 6 7 7 6 6 6 6 6

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

8 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 7 7 6 6 6 6 6 6

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

6 6 6 6 5 3 6 6 6 5 3

Fife and All the Lands About It

Slow

tr

tr

6 6 6 6 6 4 #

5

tr

6 6 6 6 6 6 # 6 #

9

tr

tr

tr

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

13

tr

tr

tr

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

9

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 piano in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The score is organized into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 below the notes. Trills are marked with 'tr' above the notes. The first system (measures 1-3) includes a fermata over the final measure. The second system (measures 4-6) also includes a fermata over the final measure. The third system (measures 7-9) includes a fermata over the final measure. The key signature is G major, and the time signature is common time.

Logan Water

Slow

tr

5

tr

tr

8

tr

13

tr

tr

tr

Fingering numbers: # 6 6 4 3 6 6 5 7 6 #

Fingering numbers: 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 #

Fingering numbers: 6 6 6 4 5 7 6 #

Fingering numbers: 6 6 6 6 6 6 5 #

Pinkie House

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

6 6 6 6 6 4 3 6 6

5 *tr* *tr* *tr* 2

6 6 6 6 4 5 3

8 *tr* *tr* 2

6 6 # 6 6 4 #

13 *tr* *tr* *tr* 2

6 6 5 6 4 3 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*

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

Cromlet's Lilt

Slow

6 5 6 5 7 6

6 6 6 7 6 6 6

11 6 5 6 5 6 4 5 3

16 6 6 5 6 6 5 7

Bonny Jean

Slow
tr

The musical score for 'Bonny Jean' is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff includes several trills marked with 'tr'. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with specific fingerings indicated by numbers 3, 4, and 5. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

5

9

14

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

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

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

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

Thro' the Wood Laddie

Slow

tr

tr

7 6

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

Detailed description of the musical score: The piece is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. It begins with a 'Slow' tempo marking. The first system (measures 1-4) features a treble staff with eighth and quarter notes and a bass staff with quarter and half notes. Trills are marked above the first and third measures. Fingering numbers 7 and 6 are below the bass staff. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the melody with trills in measures 6 and 7. Fingering numbers 6, 5, 4, and 3 are at the end. The third system (measures 9-12) has trills in measures 9 and 11. Fingering numbers 7, 6, 6, 6, and 6 are below. The fourth system (measures 13-15) ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. It has trills in measures 13, 14, and 15. Fingering numbers 6, 6, and 6 are below. The fifth system (measures 16-19) also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. It has trills in measures 16 and 18. Fingering numbers 7, 6, and 6 are below. The sixth system (measures 20-23) continues the melody with trills in measures 20 and 22. Fingering number 6 is at the end.

25

6 6 6 6

29

6 6 6

Clout the Caldron

Slow

4 2 5 6 6 6 6 6

5

6 4 5 3 6 4 5 3

O Dear Mother, What Shall I Do

Slow

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The score consists of six systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 below the notes. Trills are marked with 'tr' above the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the sixth system.

5

9

13

17

21

6 6 5

6 6 4 3

6 6 5 6

6 6 6 6 5 3

6 4 5 3 4 3

25 *tr* *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 6

29 *tr* *tr*

6 4 3

Broom of Cowden Knows

Slow *tr* *tr* *tr*

4 2 6 6 4 5 3 6 6

5 *tr* *tr*

6 6 6 4 5 3 4 2 6 6

Where Helen Lies

Slow

tr tr tr

6 6 6

6 tr tr

6 4 3 6

11 tr

6 6 6 5 4 3

16 tr

6 6 6 6 5 4 6 6

21

6 4 3

26

6 6 6 5 4 3

The Bonny Earl of Murray

Slow

6 5 5 6 6 b6 6

7

7 b5 6 6 5 3

Gilderoy

Slow

6 5 6 6 6 5 6 4# 3

5 tr tr tr tr tr

6 6 6 6 4 #

8 tr tr 3 3 6 5 6 4# 3

13 tr tr tr tr tr

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 6