

# The Coalminer's Reel (G major)

traditional Irish Reel, played in D major or G major  
learned from tenor banjo and fiddle player Uli Schmidt (in D major)

Recordings: Brendan Mulvihill & Billy McComiskey: *Traditional Irish Music In America: The East Coast* (1977); *Any Old Time: Phoenix* (1985); Frankie Gavin, Paul Brock & Charlie Lennon: *Ómós do Joe Cooley / A Tribute to Joe Cooley* (1986); Kevin Griffin & Gerry O'Beirne: *Down in Doolin* (1993); Kieran Hanrahan: *Kieran Hanrahan plays the Irish Tenor Banjo* (1994); *Gaelic Storm: Tree* (2001); Kennedy's Kitchen: *Music in the Glen* (2004); Chris Dronney: *Down from Bell Harbour* (2005); Enda Scahill: *Irish Banjo Tutor* (2008); *Ladies of the Lake: Follow Me Down* (2008, named 'The Coalminer's Daughter'); Kathleen Keane: *Kathleen Keane* (2010); Brock McGuire Band, with Ricky Skaggs, Aubrey Haynie, Bryan Sutton, Jeff Taylor: *Green Grass - Blue Grass* (2011); FullSet: *Notes at Liberty* (2011); *We Banjo 3: Roots of the Banjo Tree* (2012); Swallow's Tail Céilí Band: *Suas Leat* (2012); Henry Creaney: *Irish Harmonica Legend* (2012); Paddy Egan: *Nights in Shanaglish (Compilation 2012)*; Emer Toale and Grace Dowling: *Comhaltas Live #394-6* (2012); Geraldine O'Callaghan, MacDara O'Raghallaigh, Mícheál O'Raghallaigh & Danny O'Mahoney: *Comhaltas Live #402-1* (2013); Nathan Gourley & Laura Feddersen: *Life is all Chequered* (2014); Dmitri Alano: *The End of the Evening* (2015); Nova: *Little Sky* (2015); *School of Irish Music: Reflections* (2015); Fiona Nic Conmara, Sarah O'Gorman, Séamus Ó Flatharta, Paul Clesham, Tim Doyle, George McAdam, Vincent Murphy, Gráinne Nic Ghiobúin, Jana McCarthy-Kent, Séamus Tierney: *Comhaltas Live #486-9* (2015); The Cogar Céilí Band: *Comhaltas Live #527-1* (2017); Fergal Breen, Sinéad Mulqueen & Jennifer Markham: *Comhaltas Live #528-12* (2017); Martin Murray, Frankie Gavin, Emma Corbett & Carl Hession: *By Heck - A Toast to the 1920s* (2018); Luke Deaton: *Jayne Pomplas: My Mind Will Never Be Easy* (2018); *Coming Up Threes: Converge* (2019); Eric Maring: *The Year of Seeing Clearly* (2021); Waltons: *Ireland's Best Session Tunes, Vol. 2*

The main score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, G, Am, G, G, D, G, Am, D, G, Am, D, G, Em, D, G, Am, G, Am, D, G. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## Variations:

The variations section is written in the same key and time as the main score. It consists of four staves of music. The chords are indicated above the staff: G, G, Am, G, G, D, G, Am, D, G, Am, D, G, Em, D, G, Am, G, Am, D, G. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.