

John Collins' Polka (D major)

traditional Irish polka

transcribed and arranged by Frank Weber, learned from the Bow Brothers' album

Recordings: Johnny O'Leary (1923-2004) & Tim Kiely: Johnny O'Leary of Sliabh Luachra - Dance Music from the Cork-Kerry Border (1994); Paudie O'Connor & John O'Brien: Wind & Reeds (2009); Sliabh Notes: The Burren Backroom Series, Vol. 1 (2014); Cathal Hayden, Stephen Hayden & Niall Murphy: Bow Brothers (2017); The Conifers: The Conifers (2019)

The musical score is written in D major (two sharps) and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The chord markings above the staves are as follows:

- Staff 1: D, D, A, Bm
- Staff 2: D, Bm, A, G, D
- Staff 3: D, Bm, Em, A
- Staff 4: D, Bm, A, G, D

The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some dotted rhythms. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the fourth staff.