

Off to California (G major)

traditional Irish Hornpipe

transcribed and arranged by Frank Weber, learned from tenor banjo and fiddle player Uli Schmidt in 1997

Recordings: Frank Gilligan's Killarney Céilí Band: The Kerry Dances (1959); Micho & Gussie Russel: The Russel Family of Doolin, Co. Clare (1975); Fox Watson & Laurie Diehl: Fishers Hornpipe and other celtic traditional Tunes (1977); Bobby MacLeod & Wullie Thom: Maestro MacLeod (1977); Boys of the Lough: Regrouped (1980); Clannad: Turas (1980, Live in Bremen); Raymond Smyth & The Raheny Band: Back Home in Ireland (1980); Mark Nelson: Fiddle Tunes for Dulcimer - The Rights of Man (1980); Mick Hanly & Dónal Lunny: As I Went Over Blackwater (1982); Tony Elman, Richard Greene, Pete Grant, Barry Solomon, J.J. Schoch, Jon Clarke, Rick Olsen & Paula Hochhalter: Shakin' Down the Acorns, Vol. 2 (1984); Deseret String Band: Land of Milk and Honey (1985); All Star Céilí Band: Traditional Irish Dance Music (1992); Simple Gifts: Down by the Sally Gardens (1992); Peter Guinan: From Galway to Dublin. Early Recordings of Traditional Irish Music (1993); Andy McGann & Paddy Reynolds (1994); Brendan Larrissey: A Flick of the Wrist (1994); Moving Harps: Still Moving (1994); Micheál Shannon, Buddy Flanagan & Kevin Griffin: Trad. Music in Support of Doolin Coast and Cliff Rescue Service (1994); Tullamore Dew: Hemkört (1995); Runt O' The Litter: Knot the Metronome (1996); Joe Heaney: Say a Song (1996, tilted version); The Brophy Brothers Céilí Band: Take the Floor (Compilation 1997); Éamonn Coyne, Simon Bradley, Russel Hunter & Sandy Wright: Russell's House (1999); Keith Hinchliffe: Islands (1999); Hoogie: Knockiedoo (1999); Idlewild: Black Oak (1999); Neil Woodward: Old Timers (1999); Geraldine Cotter: Traditional Irish Tunes played on the Tin Whistle (2000); Ryland Kewen: Where I'm From (2000); Carrantuohill: Between (2000); Rose Lemmers: A Bit of Old Ireland (2000); Bonnie Carol: Laughing Willow (2000); Gerry McFadden: Celtic Uilleann Pipes Collection (Compilation 2000); Ceol na dTonn: From Aran to Montego Bay (2001); Johnny B. Connolly: Bridgetown (2001); Bottled Spirits: Bottled Spirits (2002); Cady Finlayson: Shines Like Silver (2002); John Kovac: Isle Harp (2002); Shaskeen: Traditional Irish Music for Set Dancing, Vol. 3 (2003); Seosamh Mac Grianna (Joe Mhicí Jimi): Lúi na Gréine (2003); Ivan Smyth: Champions of Ireland - Bodhrán (2003); The Dublin Céilí Band: Champions of Ireland - Céilí Bands; Hank Cramer: Songs of USS Constellation (2003); The Brunos: Bloody Knuckles (2003); Dominique: Irish Tunes 3 (2003); Alison Vardy: Island Suite (2003); Dublin Gulch: Any Day Above Ground is a good One (2003); Nancy Daily-Green: Singing, Dancing Everywhere (2003); Dé Chéadaoin: Dé Chéadaoin (2003); Des Dillon & Rattle the Boards: Teac a Bloc - Music from the Show (2004); Mary & Andrew MacNamara: Open Hearth (2004); P.T. Gazell: Pace Yourself (2004); Tommy Darky: The Best of Tommy Darky, Vol. 1 (2004); Marcille Wallis: A Celtic Heritage (2004); Murder the Stout: Murder the Stout (2005); Sam Hinton: Master of the Solo Diatonic Harmonica (2005); Chad Shrock: A Modern Minstrel (2005); Phil Beer: Rhythm Methodist (2005); Lorinda Jones: Celtic Harper (2005); Líadan: Traditional Irish Music and Song - Amhránaíoch agus Ceol Tradidisiúnta (2006); The Blarnacles: Got Blarnacles (2006); Al Goll, Tim May & Charlie Chadwick: Goin' Across the Sea (2006); Jeffrey Hillgrove: Slowplay Jigs, Reels & Hornpipes (2006); Tropical Harps: Upcountry Celtic (2006); The Glenside Céilí Band: Tke the Floor with The Glenside (2007); Sarah Bauhan: Lathrop's Waltz (2007); Alvdal Spell- Og Danselag: Jæven Spelle Mei - Før Å Ette 12 (2007); Jim Hinton: Things I've Always Known (2007); Michael McGettrick, Hugh Melvin, Dave Morrissey & Mike O'Connor: From Galway to Gruyere (2007); Slan: South West (2007); Diarmuid O'Brien: Cairde Cairdín - Traditional Irish Fiddle and Accordion Music from West Limerick (2007); Ian Giles, Joey Oliver, Jon Boden & John Spiers: Old Irish Jigs and Reels (Compilation 2007); Comhaltas: Fóinn Seisiún, Vol. 2 (2008); Broken String: Mémoire Celte, Vol. 1 (2008); Gloucester Hornpipe & Clog Society: Liberty! (2008); Ardan: Dancing with the Celts (2008); Emerald Road: Emerald Road (2008); The Woodhouse Band: Harvest Moon (2008); Rattle the Boards: The Parish Platform (2008); Henry Creany: Traditional Irish Music Harmonica (2008); Greenfyre: Greenfyre (2008); (More) Growling Old Men: Shuttle Diplomacy (2008); Malarkey: A Little Bit of the Old Malarkey (2008); My Darling Asleep: My Darling Asleep (2008); Art Bryan, George Fowler, Surya Mitchell & Fred White: The Montville Project - 53 Essential New England Dance Tunes (2008); Celtic Sage: Handy Irish Phrases (2008); Heather Breeze Céilí Band: The Skylark (2009); Jack Grady O'Neil: Ancestral Water (2009); Craig Duncan: Irish Dance (2009); Calath: Irish Celtic Music (2009); Riggy Rackin: Somewhere in Between (song version) (2009); Daphne Quigley-Freund & Tom Bradfish: Aoibhneas / Bliss (2009); Susquehanna Travellers: Bound for Dixie (2009); Mary Radspinner & John Gill: The Foggy Dew (2009); Hiraeth: Sessions (2009); Rapalje: Alesia (2010); Frigate: Frigate (2010); The Lowlander Highlanders: Bonny Hills and Hollows (2010); Gilmore & Roberts: Up from the Deep (2010); Possum Ridge String Band: On the Road Again (2010); Christina David: Cricket Songs (2010); Hope Hoffman & Jeff Trippe: Hoffman & Trippe (2010); Sylvia Hackathorn & Lance Frodsham: Over Nine Waves (2010); Keltic Kudzu: Off the Vine (2010); Hypoxic Punks: Hypoxic Punks (2010); Wallace Band: Kapkan na Leprekon / Lepricorn Trap (2010); Keith Engle: Tip the Fiddler (2010); The Black Doves: The Black Doves (2010); KC Jiang: Irish Whistle Melodies (2011); Alison Boyd: Bodhran Practice (2011); The General Guinness Band: She Left with the Piper (2011); John Weed & Stuart Mason: Slow & Easy Volume 1 (2011); Armstrong Family Christmas: Ho Ho Ho, Say I Am Santa Clause (2011); Maurice Candie & Marina Dodgson: Phoenix Folk Playalong Series, Session Tunes 1 (2011); Martin Curran: Accordion Magic (2012); Mick O'Grady, Jesse Smith & John Blake: At My Grandmother's Knee and Other Such Joints (2012); Mike Connors: Castles, Caves and Stones (2012); Muckle Flugga: Back to the Light (2012); B.G. McPike & Solly Burton, feat. Nan McEntire: From Far Beyond the Pond (2012); Wallach & Buttery: Not Your Usual (2013); George Winston: Harmonica Solos (2013); Aideen O'Brien and the Five Fifth: Celtic Legends (2013); McDermott's Handy: Bound for Amerikay (2013); Walach & Buttery: Not Your Usual Mandolin and Tuba Duo (2013); Vladimir Volkov, Anatoly Isaev & Igor Burmistrov: Comhaltas Live #411-9 (2013); Philip O'Farrell: A Collection of Instrumentals, Vol. 2 (2014); Matthew Dickerson: When I'm Happy and I Know It (2014); Alan Jones / Barnsdale Hood: Raw Tradition (2014); Sue Tillotson & Jim Cunningham: Old Friends (2015); Katie Grennan: Between Worlds (2015); Gemma Telfer: Irish Folk Tunes for Accordion (2015); Blackwater: Blackwater (2015); Mandolin Family & Friends: Fandango Favorites (2015); Mad Haggis: Fresh Haggis (2015); Bernard Henry: Green Glens of Antrim (2016)

The musical score is a series of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a G major chord. The first staff contains eight measures: G, D, G, C, G, Em, Am, C, D. The second staff contains eight measures: G, D, G, C, G, Em, Am, D, G. The third staff contains eight measures: Em, Bm, C, G, Em, Am, C, D. The fourth staff contains eight measures: G, D, G, C, G, Em, Am, D, G. Below each staff, the corresponding chords are written in a vertical column.