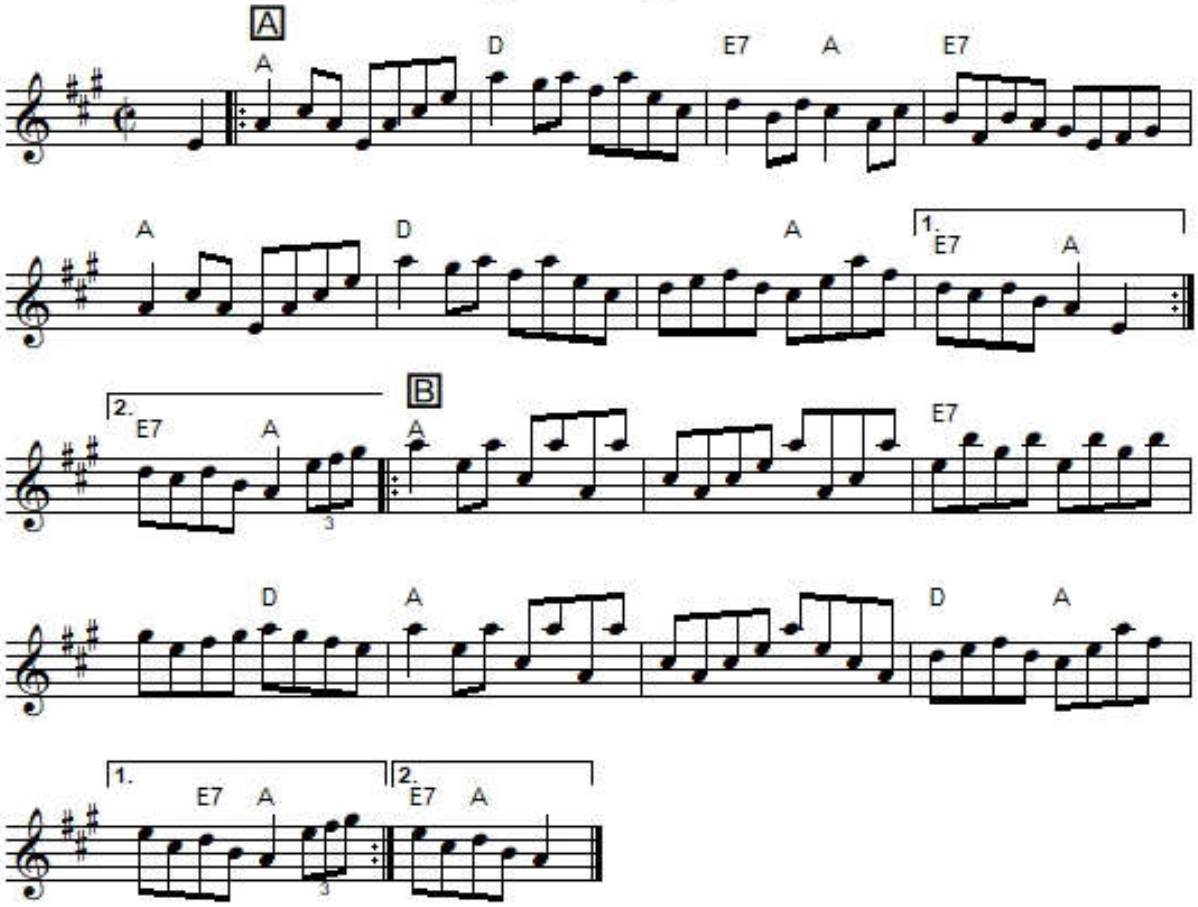
Angus Campbell



"Angus Campbell" is a Scottish reel in cut time and A major. The parts are played AA'BB'. The tune is the product of Scottish composer and fiddle virtuoso J. Scott Skinner (1842–1927), who coined it a "concert reel" (tempo 136). Skinner used the same melodic motif fashioned into a strathspey called "The Laird o' Drumblair Strathspey" and the two were written as companion pieces (the reel following the strathspey).

The melody quickly found its way into traditional repertory on both sides of the Atlantic and can now even be heard played by American Mid-West fiddlers as well as Canadian and New England musicians.

It was printed in Bégin's **Fiddle Music in the Ottawa Valley: Dawson Girdwood** (1985), Bohrer's **Vic Kibler: Adirondack Fiddler** (1992), Brody's **Fiddler's Fakebook** (1983), Hinds/Hébert's **Grumbling Old Woman** (1981), Hunter's **The Fiddle Music of Scotland** (1988), Jarman's **Old Time Fiddlin' Tunes** (1951), Messer's **Way Down East Fiddlin' Tunes** (1948) and **Anthology of Favorite Fiddle Tunes** (1980), Perlman's **The Fiddle Music of Prince Edward Island** (1996), Phillips' **Traditional American Fiddle Tunes, vol. 1** (1994), Silberberg's **Fiddle Tunes I Learned at the Tractor Tavern** (2002) and Skinner's **The Scottish Violinist** (1900) and **Harp and Claymore** (1904).

It was recorded by Jana Greif on **I Love Fiddlin'**, Lonnie Robertson on **Fiddle Favorites**, Graham and Eleanor Townsend on **Graham and Eleanor Townsend Live at Barre, Vermont**, The Campbell Family on **The Campbell Family — Champion Fiddlers**, Yankee Ingenuity on **Kitchen Junket** (1977), Leo Beaudoin on **Old Time Fiddler's Contest 7/30/77**, Sonja Nordstrom on **Old Time Fiddler's Contest 7/26/75**, Taylor McBaine on **Boone County Fiddler**, Kelly Jones on **Authentic Old-Time Fiddle Tunes** and Jay Ungar and Lyn Hardy on **Catskill Mountain Goose Chase** (1977).