

Cumberland Reel

Musical score for Cumberland Reel, showing the first two sections (A and B) with chord symbols (D, G, A) and first/second endings.

"Cumberland Reel", also known as "Hilly-Go Filly-Go All the Way", "Hokey Pokey", "King of the Cannibal Islands", "Nottingham Swing" or "Vulcan's Cave" is a Scottish country dance tune in 6/8 time and D Major. The parts are played AAB (Kerr) or ABC (Lees).

"Cumberland Reel" is the name of a favorite Scottish country dance, with the word 'reel' descriptive of the dance steps rather than signifying a fast duple-time tune.

The county of Cumberland is first mentioned in the 10th century and is derived from the name of its inhabitants: the ancient Celtic people called the Brittons who were driven into the hills of the West of England by the Anglo-Saxon invaders. The modern Welsh name for themselves is *Cymry* (*Cymru* is the Welsh name for Wales). These words are descended from the Brythonic word "*combrogii*", meaning "fellow-countrymen".

The tune was adapted for the Mormon song "The Handcart Song".

It was printed Kerr's **Merry Melodies, vol. 1** (c. 1880) and J. Kenyon Lees' **Balmoral Reel Book** (1910).