

## O Lassie Art Thou Sleeping Yet?

The musical score is written in C Major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is marked with a boxed 'A' and contains the first measure of the A section. The second staff continues the A section with a first ending bracket. The third staff is marked with a boxed 'B' and contains the first measure of the B section. The fourth staff continues the B section with a first ending bracket. Chord symbols (D, G, A7) are placed above the notes.

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"Oh Lassie Art Thou Sleepin' Yet?", also known as "Lassie Art Thou Sleeping Yet", "The Stone Barn" (southwest Pa.), "Scotch Lassie" and "Muckin' o' Geordie's Byre" is a Scottish Air and Jig in C Major (Hardings, Howe) or D Major (Bayard, Kerr, Sweet). The parts are played AABB. Bayard (1981) states the tune dates from the 18th century (around 1760 or earlier) and has been a favorite of fiddlers and especially fifers (becoming a "standard tune of martial bands" in the Eastern United States).

The title is the first line of poet Robert Burns's song "O Let me in this ae Night", whose lyric was given final form in 1795. The poet adapted an older, more risqué, song of seduction called "O lassie, art thou sleeping yet" to make it acceptable to publisher James Johnson for inclusion in the **Scots Musical Museum**.

A 20th century American variant, collected in southwestern Pennsylvania, can be found in Bayard (1944), No. 63, listed simply as "Quadrille". The tune may belong to a larger tune family, asserts Bayard, including the Irish "Christmas Eve", "Our President", "Here's a Health to Our Leader" and "The Fearless Boys"; all of which have developed from "some still more remote original single air" (Bayard, **Hill Country Tunes**, p. 61).

It was printed in Bayard's **Dance to the Fiddle** (1981), Harding's **All Round Collection** (1905), Hopkins' **American Veteran Fifer** (1905), Howe's **Complete Preceptor for the Accordeon** (1843), Kerr's **Merry Melodies, vol. 2** (c. 1880's) and Sweet's **Fifer's Delight** (1964/1981).