

The Rowan Tree

Musical score for "The Rowan Tree" in G Major, 2/2 time. The score consists of five staves of music. The first staff is marked with a boxed 'A' and contains the first part of the melody. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff is marked with a boxed 'B' and contains the second part of the melody. The fourth staff continues the second part. The fifth staff shows two endings: the first ending leads back to the beginning, and the second ending concludes the piece. Chords G, D7, and C are indicated above the notes.

"The Rowan Tree", also known as "Betsy Baker", "Captain O'Neill", "Charms of Music", "Lads and Lasses", "McClellantown Hornpipe", "Push about the Jorum" or "Rattle the Bottles" is a Scottish, English, Irish and American reel in cut time and G Major. The parts are played AB.

The rowan tree in Scottish tradition is believed to have supernatural powers, including the ability to ward off witches and other evil spirits if planted near one's house. The tune is widespread in British, Irish and American tradition, although it does not seem to have been terribly popular.

It was printed in Cole's **1000 Fiddle Tunes** (1940) and Ryan's **Mammoth Collection** (1883).