

# Arthur Darley's

Arthur Darley Sr.

**A**

D A7 D A7 D A7 D A7

5 D A7 D G D A7 G A7 D A7

10 D G D A7 1. D G 2. D

**B**

14 Dm Gm Dm Gm

18 Dm Dm A7 1. Dm 2. Dm

**C**

23 D A7 D G D A7 G A7

27 D D G D A7 1. D 2. D

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"Arthur Darley's", also known as "The Bruckless Shore" and "The Swedish Jig" is an Irish air or jig from County Donegal, Ireland.

It was composed by classically trained Irish musician Arthur Darley, who had an appreciation for traditional music and who performed and collected it in the early 20th century. Darley, who was employed as a Church of Ireland organist based in Bruckless (County Donegal), lived for a time in Dunkineely, County Donegal, and influenced Donegal traditional fiddlers, especially John Doherty and Donny O'Donnell. It is Darley himself who passed the tune to the Doherty family, with whom he was on friendly terms and John Doherty was supposedly quite taken with the melody. Mac Aoidh explains the origin of the alternate title, "Swedish Jig": it seems that fiddler Danny Meehan returned to Donegal on vacation from London and was playing with John Doherty, when the latter fiddler happened to play a tune he learned from "Mr. Darley". Meehan picked up the tune but not the name and on his return to London he began playing it around. Someone voiced the opinion that it sounded Scandinavian and afterwards people began to request that Meehan play "that Swedish jig" and the name spread from there.

The second measure is in 9/8 and the rest of the tune is in 6/8. Parts A and C are in D major and part B is in D minor.

Philippe Varlet believes that the alternate title "The Swedish Jig" first appeared on the 1978 LP "Lord Mayo" by the London band Le Cheile, (featuring Danny Meehan on fiddle), though he says the ultimate source for that name may have been Dublin fiddler John Kelly Sr.

It was recorded by Paddy Glackin on *Ceol ar an bhFidil le Paddy Glackin*, Gerald Trimble on **First Flight**, Mick Moloney on **Strings Attached** (appears as "Arthur Daley's") and Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham on **The Pearl** (1994) (appears as "The Swedish Jig").