

Denis Murphy's Slide

The musical score for "Denis Murphy's Slide" is presented in five staves. The first staff is marked with a boxed 'A' and contains a double bar line with repeat dots. The second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The third staff is marked with a boxed 'B' and contains a double bar line with repeat dots. The fourth and fifth staves are marked with '1.' and '2.' respectively, indicating first and second endings. Chord symbols (D, G, A7) are placed above the notes. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 12/8.

"Denis Murphy's Slide", also known as "Pádraig O'Keefe's Slide" or "The Weaver's Slide" is an Irish slide in 12/8 time and D Major. The parts are played AABB'.

Denis Murphy (1910-1974) was born to musical family in an area called *Sliabh Luachra*. It is a region at the intersection of three counties, Cork, Kerry, and Limerick and it is well-known for its identifiable musical style and for producing some of the great southern Irish players. Denis, born on the Kerry side is a fiddler known for a great pulsing rhythm and clear ornaments. He was taught to play the fiddle by Pádraig O'Keefe. He lived in the U.S. for a while, from the 1930's to around 1964 when he moved back to Ireland.

The banjo tab is from Ken Perlman's book **New England and Irish Fiddle Tunes for Clawhammer Banjo** (1980). Ken's thinking is that there is no good reason for not playing any kind of tune on the banjo. His Banjo Camp classes covering jigs (6/8), slip jigs (9/8) and slides (12/8) are always fun.

It was printed in Cranitch's **Irish Fiddle Book** (1996).

It was recorded by The Chieftains on **Chieftains 4** (1973) (as "O'Keefe's Slide").