

John Ryan's polka

The image displays the musical score for "John Ryan's Polka" in G major and 4/4 time. It is divided into two parts, Part A and Part B. Each part consists of two staves of music. The first staff of each part contains the melody, and the second staff contains the guitar accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the notes: D, G, D, G, A7, D, and D. The score includes triplets (marked with a '3') and first/second endings (marked with '1' and '2'). Part A ends with a double bar line and repeat sign, while Part B ends with a final double bar line.

The title appears under the "John" title, but is more popularly known as "Sean Ryan's". It is frequently paired with "Dennis Murphy's Polka". In the movie Titanic it was paired with "Blarney Pilgrim" even though that is a jig while this is a polka. The final phrase of the B part is very similar to the final phrase of "Soldier's Joy".

It is also known as "The 40 Pound Float", "The Armagh Polka" and "The Hills of Connemara".

It has been recorded by The Dubliners, Planxty, Gaelic Storm, De Dannan and others.

I play this tune in medleys with:

- "Boys of Blue Hill" in this section
- "Come Dance and Sing" in the tunes section
- "Green Willis" in the tunes section
- "Needlecase" in the tunes section
- "Peg Ryan's Polka" in this section
- "The Rose Tree" in this section
- "Sheffield Hornpipe" in the contras section.