

The Lighthouse Polka

The musical score for "The Lighthouse Polka" is written in D Major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first two staves form section A, which is an 8-measure phrase. The last three staves form section B, which is a 16-measure phrase. Section B includes a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.). Chords D, G, and A7 are indicated above the notes.

"The Lighthouse Polka" is an Irish polka in D Major. The parts are played AABB'.
Accordian player Johnny O'Leary (1923-2004) of the *Sliabh Luachra* region of the Cork-Kerry border identified the tune as learned from fiddler Jack Connell, "the man of The Lighthouse. He's the man above at The Lighthouse in Ballydesmond".

The Lighthouse was both the name of a pub and the name of the townland where Connell lived. The tune was unnamed ("Jack must have thousands of them"), so O'Leary suggested naming it "The Lighthouse".

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It was recorded by Johnny O'Leary (1984).