

The Lilting Banshee

Am Em G Em G Em

5 Am Em G Em 1. D Am 2. D

10 Am Em G G Em D G Am

15 Em G G Em 1. D 2. D Am

"The Lilting Banshee", also known as "Ballinasloe Fair", "The Church of Dromore", "John Conroy's", "The Killaloe Boat", "Lay Her Down Easy", "The Miller of Glanmire" and "Ryan's Favorite" is an Irish double jig in A minor/dorian.

It is listed as "The Miller of Glanmire" in O'Neill's **Dance Music of Ireland** (1907).

A banshee (in Gaelic *bean sí*, literally fairy woman) is a female spirit in Irish mythology who heralds the death of a family member, usually by wailing, shrieking, keening or washing that person's blood-stained clothes (or armor). Keening is a kind of wailing so the title of "lilting" is possibly ironic.

It was printed in Bulmer & Sharpley's **Music from Ireland** (1974), Cotter's **Traditional Irish Tin Whistle Tutor** (1989), Mallinson's **100 Essential** (1995), Sullivan's **Session Tunes, vol. 2** and O'Neill's **Dance Music of Ireland** (1907).

It was recorded by John Vesey on **Sligo Fiddler**, McGreevy and Cooley on **McGreevy and Cooley**, The Chieftains on **Boil the Breakfast Early**, James Keane on **With Friends Like These** and Grey Larsen and Paddy League on **Dark of the Moon**.