

The Mountains of Kerry

The musical score for "The Mountains of Kerry" is presented in four staves. The key signature is G Major (one sharp) and the time signature is cut time. The first staff begins with a boxed letter 'A' and a repeat sign. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff begins with a boxed letter 'B' and a repeat sign. The fourth staff continues the melody. Chord symbols G, C, and D7 are placed above the notes to indicate accompaniment.

"The Mountains of Kerry", in Gaelic "*Sleibte {Na} Ciarraige*", also known in the US as "Douglas's Favorite Hornpipe", "Doug's Favorite", "The Mountain Hornpipe" or "Woody's Hornpipe" is an Irish hornpipe in cut time and G Major. The parts are played AABB. County Kerry has the highest mountains in Ireland. Thirteen peaks are classified by the Scottish Mountaineering Club as Furths i.e., mountains over 3,000 feet in the British Isles outside Scotland that are regarded as separate mountains. Ten of these are located in Macgillicuddy's Reeks in County Kerry. The highest mountain is Carrauntoohil, in Gaelic *Corrán Tuathail*, meaning "Tuathal's sickle") which is 3,407 feet 6 inches high. This Irish tune is probably the ancestral root of the American hornpipe "The Mountain Hornpipe".

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