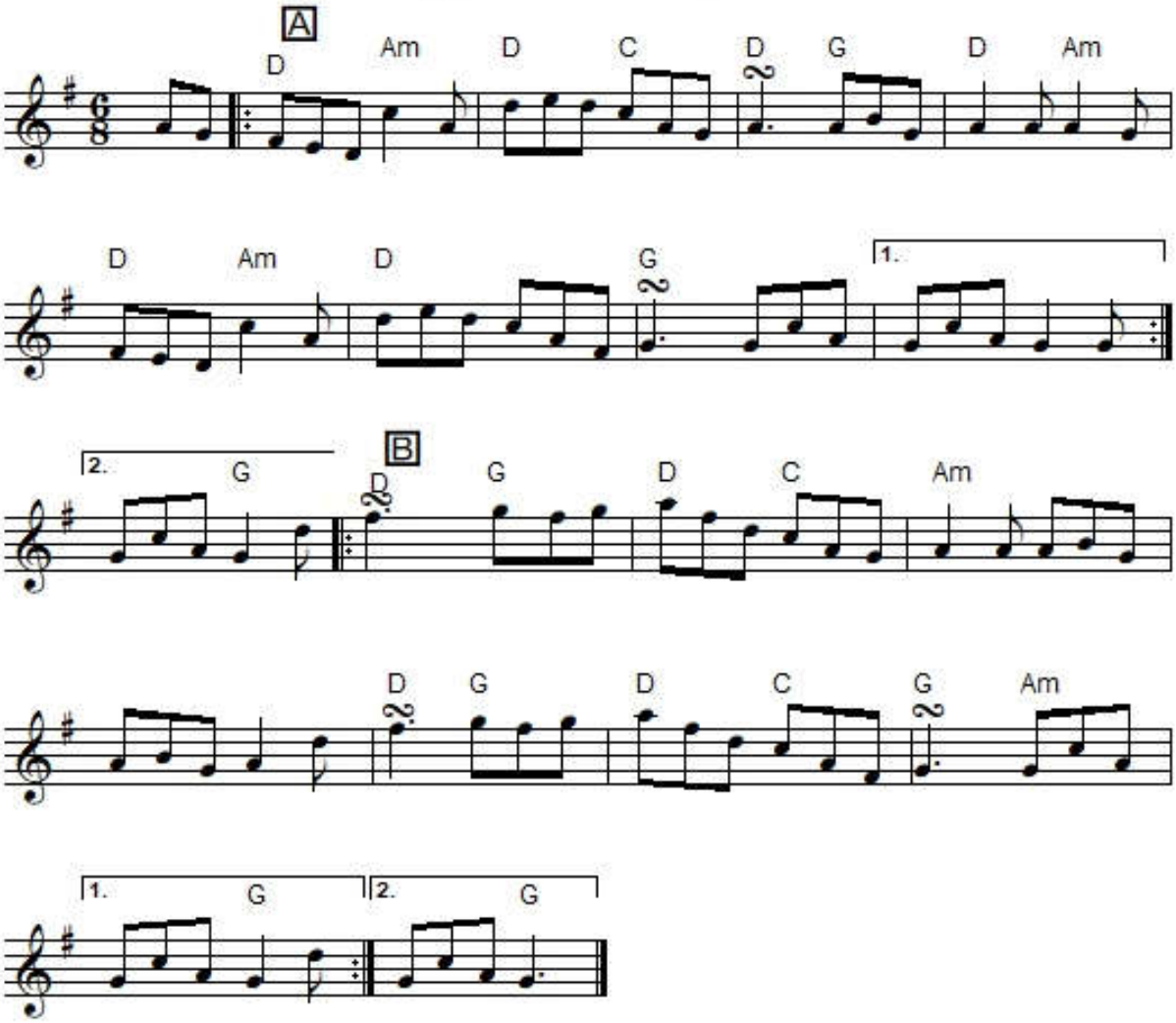
Old Hag, You Have Killed Me



"Old Hag, You Have Killed Me", in Gaelic "*A chailleach do mharaís mé*", also known as "Oh! Hag You Have Killed Me" or "Stop old hag or you'll kill me" is an Irish double jig in 6/8 time and D Mixolydian. The parts are played AABB.

George Petrie's similarly-titled "Hag you've killed me" is a melodically different melody but shares some of rhythmic and motif characteristics.

A hag is a wizened old woman or a type of fairy or goddess having the appearance of such a woman often found in folklore. A hag is sometimes called the Loathly Lady in folktales and ballads in which the hag appears as a hideously ugly creature but reverts to a beautiful female form when the hero treats her well or carries out her wishes.

Hags appear in the ballads "Allison Gross" and "King Henry" in the **English/Other Songs** section.

It was printed in Taylor's **Music for the Sets: Blue Book** (1995).

It was recorded by The Bothy Band on **Old Hag You Have Killed Me** (1981), Willie Clancy on **The Pipering of Willie Clancy. Volume 2** (1973) and **The Gold Ring** (1973), The Chieftains on **The Chieftains 6: Bonaparte's Retreat** (1976) and Ronan Browne and Peter O'Loughlin on **The Legacy** (2015).