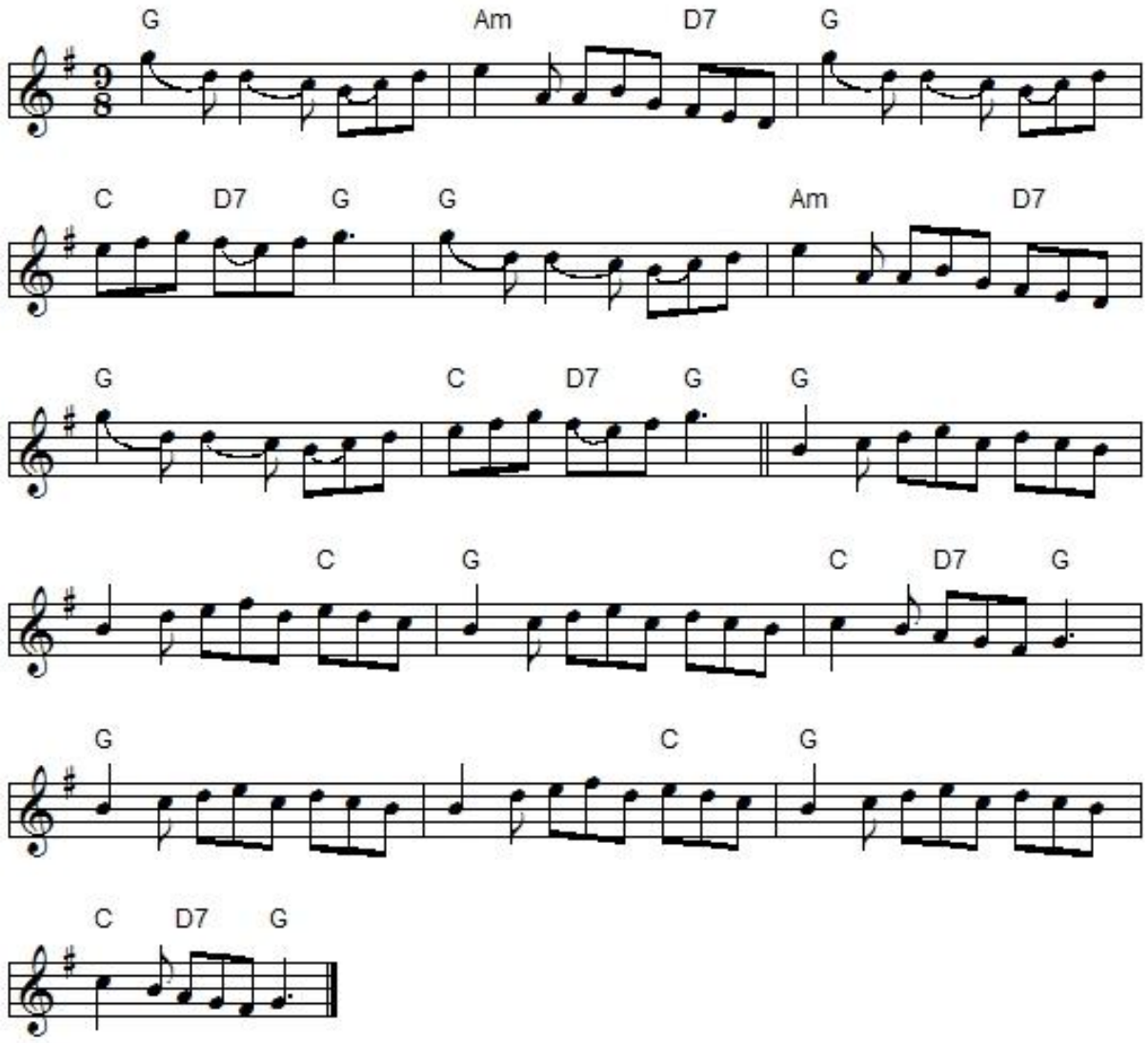
Old Mother Goose



"Old Mother Goose", also known as "Lep Up" or "Don't Leave Me Alone" is an Irish slip jig in G Major and 9/8 time. The parts are played AB.
The melody appears as an untitled jig in the mid-19th century collections of John Clinton, P.M. Haverty, and R.M. Levey. Researcher Conor Ward found a version of the melody in Fleischmann's **Sources of Irish Traditional Music, c. 1600-1855 , vol. 2** (1998), sourced to T.S. Cooke's (1782-1848) opera **Mother Goose** (c. 1810), which explains the title in Ryan's **Mammoth Collection**. The melody was used in the opera's Overture. Ward also finds the tune in the c. 1900 music manuscript collection of Larry Smyth, a fiddler from Abbeylara, County Longford, under the title "The Spree".
It was printed in Cole's **1000 Fiddle Tunes** (1940), Kennedy's **Fiddler's Tune-Book: Slip Jigs and Waltzes** (1999), Ryan's **Mammoth Collection** (1883) and White's **Unique Collection** (1896).