

The Price of the Pig

The musical score for "The Price of the Pig" is written in G Major/E minor, 6/8 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is marked with a boxed 'A' and has a G chord above the first measure. The second staff has G and Em chords above. The third staff is marked with a boxed 'B' and has a sequence of chords: D7, G, D7, Em, D7, G, D7, Em. The fourth staff has D7, G, D7, Em, G chords above, followed by a first ending bracket labeled '1.' with an Em chord. The fifth staff is a second ending bracket labeled '2.' with an Em chord.

"The Price of the Pig" is an Irish double jig in 6/8 time and G Major/E minor. The parts are played AABB.

"The Price of the Pig" is contained in the latter 19th century music manuscript collection of fiddler Patrick O'Farrell, of Ballinamuck, County Longford. Researcher Conor Ward finds cognate melodies in the James Goodman manuscript as "The Dougarry Boys" and in Books 3 and 5 of County Leitrim piper and fiddler Stephen Grier's c. 1883 music manuscript as an untitled jig.

One version of a double jig known as "King of the Pipers" (different from the one in this collection) is a similar tune.

The similarly-titled "The Price of My Pig" is a different tune.

I found this on-line but have not yet tracked down a printed reference.