

The Silver Spear

The image displays a musical score for the Irish reel "The Silver Spear" in D Major. The score is organized into two systems, A and B. System A consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a boxed letter 'A' and contains a sequence of notes with chords D, G, D, Bm, D, and G, including a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff continues with chords D, G, D, G, D, and Bm, also featuring a triplet. The third staff shows a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.), both with a G chord. System B consists of three staves. The first staff starts with a boxed letter 'B' and contains notes with chords D, Em, Bm, and D. The second staff continues with chords Em, Bm, D, Em, Bm, Em, and D, including a triplet. The third staff shows a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.), both with a G chord. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

"Silver Spear", in Gaelic "*Sliabh Bana*", also known as "Anderson's Reel", "Lark in the Morning", "Miss Lane's Fancy", "My Love is on the Ocean", "The New Mown Meadows", "Old Silver Spear", "The Silver Tip", "The Top of the Cliff" or "The White Mountain" is an Irish reel in D Major. The parts are played AABB.

It is a popular session tune and part of the core session repertoire. Brendan Breathnach's translation of the title into Irish suggests the title refers to a mountain. Piper Willie Clancy played the tune under the title "White Mountain".

It was printed in Bulmer & Sharpley's **Music from Ireland, vol. 1** (1974), DeMarco & Krassen's **Trip to Sligo** (1978), Giblin's **Collection of Traditional Irish Dance Music** (1928), Harker's **300 Tunes from Mike Rafferty** (2005), Mallinson's **100 Essential** (1995), Mulvihill's **1st Collection** (1986), Songer's **Portland Collection** (1997) and Tubridy's **Irish Traditional Music, Book Two** (1999).

It was recorded by Seán Keane on **Gusty's Frolics** (1975), Martin Mulhaire, Seamus Connolly & Jack Coen on **Warming Up** (1993), Kevin Burke on **Promenade** (1981), Wild Asparagus on **In Season** (1985), Grainnan on **Maid of Erin**, Seamus Ennis on **Return from Fingal**, Lamprey River Band on **Choose Your Partners!: Contra Dance & Square Dance Music of New Hampshire** (1999).