

The Star Above the Garter

Part A

Part B

"Star Above the Garter" is an Irish slide (should be in 12/8 time).

It is also known as "*An Re'alt Os Cionn An Ghairte'ir*", "The Kerry" and "The Lisheen Slides".

The Star and Garter is an English chivalric order whose origins are ancient. The regalia of the order includes a 'garter' that is a necklace, while the star is a medal to be worn on the chest.

There are no specific references in the order to a star above a garter and what was originally meant by the title (or why it was applied to an Irish tune) is not known. It has been suggested the title is a sexual double entendre.

It has been recorded by Grey Larsen, De Dannan, Cherish The Ladies, The Chieftains and others.

I learned this at our Monday night jam.