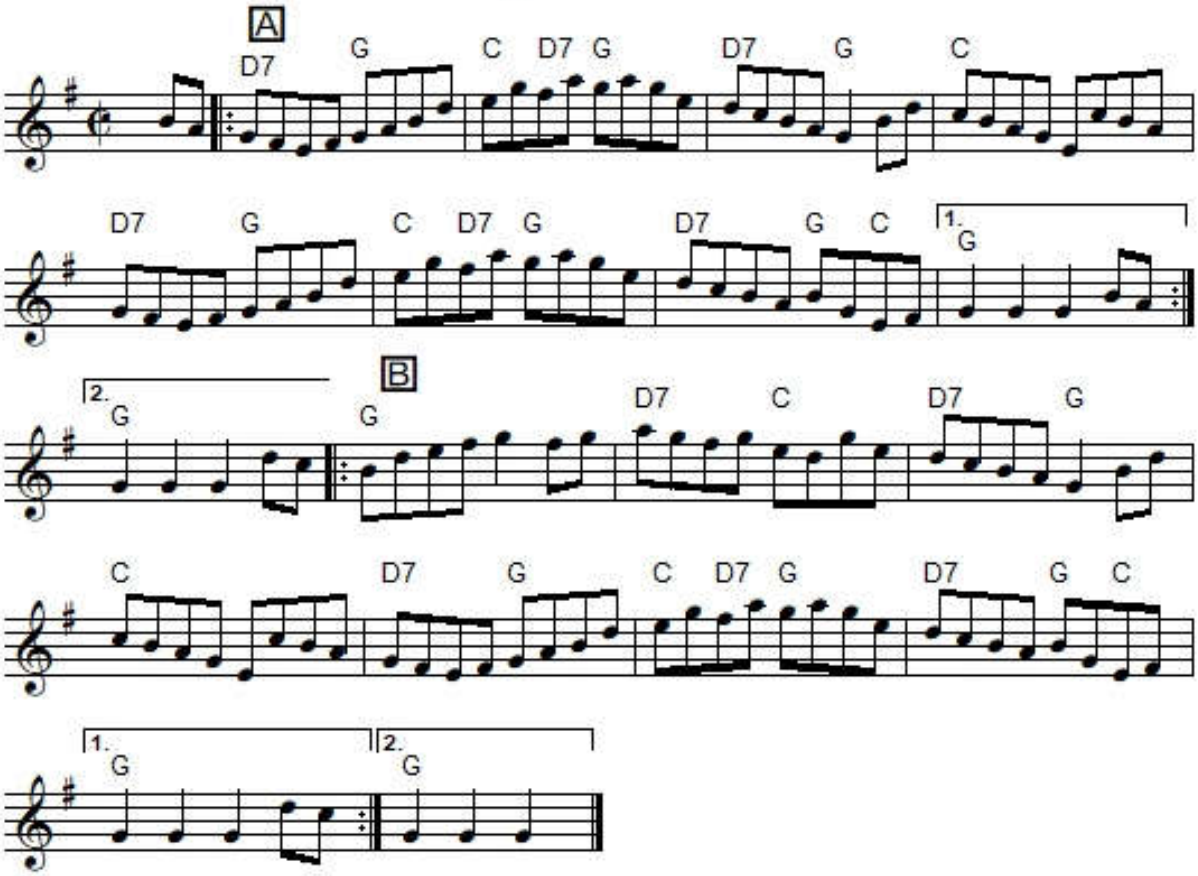
Youghal Harbour



"Youghal Harbour", in Gaelic "*Calad n-Eocaill*", is an Irish hornpipe in E Minor or G Major ('A' part) & G Major ('B' part). The parts are played AABB.

Youghal is a sea-side town in the east of County Cork, Ireland; its harbor separates the counties of Cork and Waterford, where the Blackwater enters the sea. The name derived from the Irish word *eochaill*, meaning 'yew wood' from the wooded condition of the area in ancient times.

Youghal was well-situated for trade, having access to the sea and the interior via the Blackwater and became a port for the agricultural lands of east Cork.

Despite the ancient maritime heritage of the community, not every voyage was successful. In August 1849, Queen Victoria paid her first visit to Ireland at Queenstown (now Cobh). A group from Youghal went to Cobh on board the steamer Arab. The trip is described in **A Handbook for Youghal**.

> During her short voyage, the vessel experienced a variety of casualties. When leaving Youghal, she came into collision with a schooner, and injured her. On reaching Capel Island, she took fire; but it was soon extinguished. She sank a boat in Cork Harbour and periled the lives of two sailors in it; and on reaching the Royal Presence, her flag, which bore the Arms of Youghal, could not be lowered, it having fouled somewhere in the rigging.

The tune was printed in Bulmer & Sharpley's **Music from Ireland, vol. 2**, Krassen's **O'Neill's Music of Ireland** (1976), O'Neill's **Music of Ireland: 1850 Melodies** (1903), O'Neill's **Dance Music of Ireland: 1001 Gems** (1907) and Tolman's **Nelson Music Collection** (1969).