

Navy on the Line

The musical score for "Navy on the Line" is written in G Major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of two systems, A and B. System A begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The first staff contains a repeat sign followed by a G chord and a D7 chord. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a first ending (1) and a second ending (2), both marked with G chords. System B also has three staves, starting with a D7 chord and a G chord, followed by a repeat sign and a G chord. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a first ending (1) and a second ending (2), both marked with G chords.

"Navvie on the Line", also known as "The Navvie", "Clog Hornpipe", "Evans", "London Hornpipe" or "New London Reel" is an English and Scottish clog or hornpipe in G Major (Kennedy, Kerr) or A Major (Honeyman, Martin). The parts are played AAB (Kerr) or AABB (Kennedy, Honeyman, Martin).

The first part is similar to the first parts of "New London", "London Hornpipe" and "Blue Eyes Polka".

The title probably refers to a 19th century laborer on a railway or canal excavation.

The melody is attributed to Tyneside fiddler and composer James Hill, in **Köhler's Violin Repository** (1881-1885). Scottish publisher James S. Kerr printed the tune as "Evans" and similarities can be found in Canadian repertory as "*Reel de Montréal*" or "*Reel de Vaudreuil*".

The Irish reel "Navy on the Line" as recorded by the Bothy Band is actually an unrelated tune "Navy on the Shore".

It was printed in Honeyman's **Strathspey, Reel and Hornpipe Tutor** (1898), Kennedy's **Fiddler's Tune Book, vol. 1** (1951), Kerr's **Merry Melodies, vol. 1** (c. 1880) (appears as "The Navvie"), Kerr's **Caledonian Collection**, Laybourn's **Köhler's Violin Repository, Book One** (1881) and Martin's **Traditional Scottish Fiddling** (2002).

It was recorded by Martin O'Connor on **Across the Waters**, Fife Strathspey and Reel Society on **The Fiddle Sounds of Fife** (1980) and Joe Hutton on **Bonny North Tyne**.