

# Trip To Mabou Ridge

**[A]**

A D Em7 A Em7

A D Em7 A Em7 1. A

2. A **[B]** D Em7 D E D Em7

G D Em7 D Em7 D G

1. A 2. A **[C]** A Em7 D Em7

A Em7 D A Em7 D Em7

A Em7 1. A 2. A **[D]** A Em7

D Em7 A Em7 A Em7

D Em7 A Em7 1. A 2. A

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"Trip To Mabou Ridge" is a Canadian pipe march in 2/4 time and A Mixolydian. The parts are played AABBCDD.

It was composed in 1938 by influential Cape Breton fiddler and composer Dan Hughie MacEachern (1913-1996), born in Queensville, Nova Scotia. He began fiddling at an early age, with help from his older brothers John Willie and Alex but he did not record commercially in his lifetime. He composed one of his most famous compositions, "Trip to Mabou Ridge", after coming home from a dance in the old schoolhouse at Mabou Ridge.

Mabou is a settlement in the County of Inverness on the west coast of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada. During the late 19th century and early 20th century Mabou's primary economic activity centered around coal mining. Today Mabou is primarily a fishing port for a small fleet of lobster boats.

It was printed in Shears' **Gathering of the Clans Collection, vol. 1** (1986).

It was recorded by Buddy MacMaster on **Judique Flyer**, Theresa and Marie MacLellan on **A Trip to Mabou Ridge** (1979) and various artists on **Traditional Fiddle Music of Cape Breton, Vol. 1: Mabou Coal Mines** (2002).