

Box the Fox

The musical score for "Box the Fox" is written in D Major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is marked with a boxed 'A' and contains a repeat sign. The second staff has a first ending bracket over the final measure. The third staff is marked with a boxed 'B' and contains a repeat sign. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff has two first ending brackets, one over the first measure and one over the second measure. Chord symbols (D, G, Em, A) are placed above the notes.

"Box the Fox", also known as "Double Hornpipe", "Box Fox" or "Blockhouse Dutchman" is an American breakdown or reel in D Major. The parts are played AB.

It is known in central and southwestern Pennsylvania.

Brewer's **Dictionary of Phrase and Fable** (1894) gives that 'box the fox' means to rob an orchard, i.e. steal apples, in Britain and Ireland.

It was collected from Issac Morris in Greene County, Pa. in the 1930's by Samuel Bayard.

The banjo tablature is from Bob Carlin by way of John Letscher.

It was printed in Bayard's **Dance to the Fiddle** (1981).

It was recorded by Bruce Hutton on **Old Time Music, It's All Around**, Bob Carlin on **Fiddle Tunes for Clawhammer Banjo** (1979), The West Orrtanna String Band on **The West Orrtanna String Band** (1976) and Tracy Schwartz and Mike Seeger.