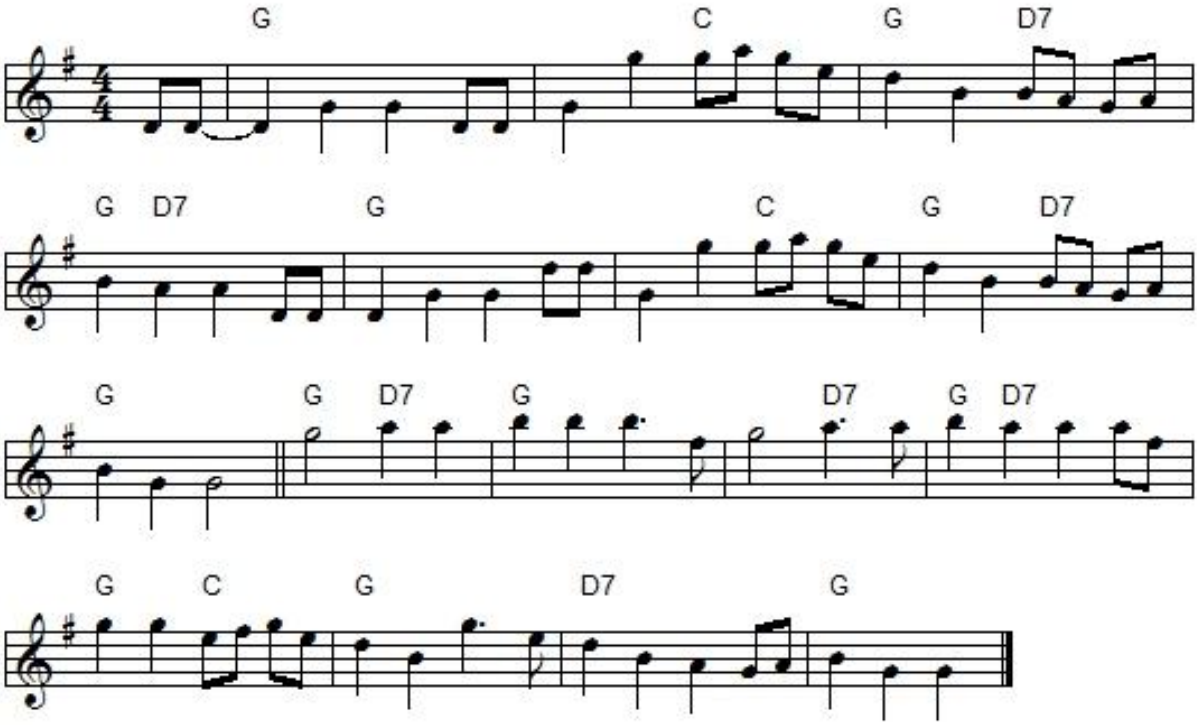
Hell Broke Loose in Georgia



"Hell Broke Loose in Georgia" is an American reel from southwestern Pa. in G Major. The parts are played AB.
Bayard (1981) identifies this tune as a composite with an 'A' part from British Isles tradition, attached to a 'B' part newly composed. The 'A' part appears to be the Scottish "My Ain Kind Dearie" which can be traced to the 1760's; the tune is also known as "Christmas Eve", "Our President", "Here's a Health to our Leader" and "The Fearless Boys". Bayard also links these tunes to "Oh! Lassie Art Thou Sleeping Yet" and suggests they are all part of a "moderate sized tune family of perhaps some respectable antiquity" i.e. they are descended from some unknown original single air.
Source for the notated version: Abraham Gray from Westmoreland County, Pa. (1930's).
It was printed in Bayard's **Dance to the Fiddle** (1981).
This tune reminds me of "The Rose Tree" in the Irish section.