

The Mason-Dixon Schottische

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two strains, A and B, each with a first and second ending. Strain A begins with a C major chord and a triplet of eighth notes. Strain B begins with a C major chord and a triplet of eighth notes. The score includes various chords (C, F, G7) and triplets throughout.

"The Mason-Dixon Schottische", also known as "California Dance," "California Hornpipe", "Limber Neck Blues," "The Nightingale", "Peacock Rag", "Rustic Dance", "Rustic Hornpipe" or "Starlight Clog" is an American schottische in C Major or D Major. The parts are played AA'BB'. The tune is a member of the large "Rustic Dance" tune family, wherein the first strain is the dominant part, sometime attached to different second strains. "Mason-Dixon Schottische" mirrors "Rustic Dance's" two strains closely both harmonically and melodically, with the most differentiation in the second strain melody.

It was collected from Marion Yoders in Greene County, Pa. (1961), Walter Neal in Armstrong County, Pa. (1952) and Wilber Neal in Jefferson County (1948) by Samuel Bayard.

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