

My Own House Waltz

The musical score for "My Own House Waltz" is written in A major (three sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a boxed letter 'A' above it. The second staff contains a measure with a boxed letter 'B' above it. The final staff concludes with a double bar line and a first ending bracket labeled '1A' and a second ending bracket labeled '2A'. Chords are indicated by letters A, D, and E7 above the notes. The melody features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes and dotted rhythms.

"My Own House Waltz", also known as "My Ain Hoose", "My Home" ("*Mo dhachaidh*"), "My Home Waltz" or "Old Living Room Waltz" is an English or Scottish old-time slow air or waltz (3/4 or 6/8 time) in A Major (most versions), A Major ('A' part) & D Major ('B' part) (Phillips). The parts are played one part (Laufman), AB (Kennedy, Laufman, Phillips, Raven), AABB (Brody) or AA'BB' (Kaufman).

Scottish versions are generally titled "My Home" ("*Mo dhachaidh*"), have a slightly different 'B' part and feature a double tonic at the cadences. Phillips' version, in two keys, is simply a melodic repeat of the same material in the subdominant key.

The waltz was popular among "revival" fiddlers of the 1970's, but does not seem to have been in tradition in America prior to then. Instead, it was probably learned from tune books, first by contra-dance musicians, then by old-time.

It was printed in Brody's **Fiddler's Fakebook** (1983), Kaufman's **Beginning Old Time Fiddle** (1977), Kennedy's **Fiddler's Tune-Book, vol. 2** (1954)(appears as "My Home Waltz"), Laufman's **Okay, Let's Try a Contra** (1973)(appears as "My Home"), Martin's **Ceol na Fidhle, vol. 2** (1988), Matthiesen's **The Waltz Book** (1992), Phillips' **Traditional American Fiddle Tunes, vol. 2** (1995) and Raven's **English Country Dance Tunes** (1984).

It was recorded by Glasnotes on **Live from Contrafornia**, Dave Bromberg on **My Own House**, F&W String Band on **F&W String Band 2**, Strathspey on **New England Contra Dance Music** (1977)(Appears as "My Home Waltz"), Lauchlin Stamper & A.C. Overton on **Sally with the Run Down Shoes** (1996)(Appears as "Home Waltz") and Highwoods String Band on **Fire On the Mountain**.