

Rolling off a Log

The musical score for "Rolling off a Log" is presented in four staves. The key signature is D Major (one sharp) and the time signature is 6/8. The first strain (A) consists of 8 measures. The second strain (B) consists of 8 measures. The third strain (C) consists of 8 measures. The fourth strain (D) consists of 4 measures. Chord symbols D, G, and A7 are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic structure.

"Rolling Off a Log", also known as "The Green Cockade" or "Sadler's Balloon" is an American jig in D Major. The parts are played ABBC.

Bayard in **Hill Country Tunes** (1944) noted that "Rolling off a Log" was another tune that sounded like it came from the British Isles, yet determined it was difficult to trace. However, in notes to the tune in his 1981 collection **Dance to the Fiddle** he thought his untitled march (No. 467) a better version of the tune and identified cognates as "The Green Cockade" and "Sadler's Balloon". The slide "Biddy the Darling" in Irish tradition also has a cognate in the first strain.

It was collected from Mrs. Sarah Armstrong near Derry, Pa., on November 5th, 1943 and from Hiram Horner (fifer from Westmoreland and Fayette Counties, Pa.) in 1962 by Samuel Bayard.

It was printed in Bayard's **Hill Country Tunes** (1944) and Bayard's **Dance to the Fiddle** (1981).