

Rose Division

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"Rose Division", also known as "Rowe's Division", "Row's Division" is a North Carolina old-time breakdown usually played in C Major.

Most 'revival' musicians learned the tune from a 1974 recording by the Hollow Rock String Band, although the band credits their version of the tune to fiddler John Lewis of Walnut Cove, Stokes County, northwest North Carolina.

Fennig's All-Star Band describes the melody as "an old fife and drum march". It is possible, although not in any way substantiated, that the title refers to the Confederate army division of Major General Robert Emmett Rodes, who commanded it at the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. It was one of the first units on the field.

The tune has a basically simple structure: one phrase repeated in the A part and one phrase repeated in the B part. The challenge for fiddlers is in the B part where you need to shift up to second position. I have included a recommended fingering in the mandolin tab. I have also included a parallel line an octave lower for the B part. The fingering only applies to the higher version.

It was printed in Brody's **Fiddler's Fakebook** (1983), Krassen's **Appalachian Fiddle** (1973), Phillips' **Traditional American Fiddle Tunes** (1995).

It was recorded by Fennig's All-Star String Band, The New North Carolina Ramblers, The Hollow Rock String Band, Alan Jabbour and Ken Perlman.

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