

Rum and Onions

The musical score for "Rum and Onions" is presented in four staves. The first two staves represent the first part (A), and the last two staves represent the second part (B). The key signature is G Major (one sharp) and E minor (no sharps or flats). The time signature is 6/8, with a 2/4 section at the end of each part. The first part (A) consists of two measures of 6/8 time, followed by a 2/4 section. The second part (B) also consists of two measures of 6/8 time, followed by a 2/4 section. The notes are written in treble clef, and the chords are indicated by letters above the staff.

A

G D7

G D7 G

B

Em D

Em D7 Em

"Rum and Onions" is an American jig in G Major and E minor. It is an irregular tune: there are two measures of 2/4 time at end of each part. The parts are played AABB.

Rum, boiled together with onions, was once a treatment for gout and kidney stones and, applied to the scalp, a remedy for hair loss.

For the past 30 years or more "Rum and Onions" has been the name of a special Halloween contra dance in Princeton, New Jersey, with the Rum & Onions pick-up contra dance band with a core of experienced musicians.

The tune resembles "The Irish Washerwoman" in the Celtic section.

It was printed in Cole's **1000 Fiddle Tunes** (1940), Tolman's **Nelson Music Collection** (1969) and Ryan's **Mammoth Collection** (1883).