

Susan Lick the Ladle

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff in G Major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains measures 1 through 8, marked with a boxed 'A' above the staff. It begins with a G chord and features a melody of eighth notes. The second line contains measures 9 through 16, marked with a boxed 'B' above the staff. It begins with a C chord and features a melody of quarter notes. A final G chord is shown at the end of the piece. The notation includes first and second endings for both sections A and B.

"Susan Lick the Ladle", also known as "Darkey Under the Woodpile", "O Little Girl what Makes You Look So Clever" or "Girl that Looks So Clever O!" is an American reel in 4/4 time and G Major. The parts are played AABB.

Bayard was convinced of the tunes apparent 'Scottishness' but was unable to trace the melody to old country collections. He does note "some faint general likeness" to the Scottish "The Irish Hautboy".

The title compares with the Scottish tune name "Lick the Ladle, Sandy", but there is no musical resemblance.

The sources for the notated version were Frank Lowry, a fiddler from Fayette County, Pa. in 1944, Samuel Losch, a fiddler from Juniata County, Pa. in the 1930's and George Strosnider, an elderly fiddler from Greene County, Pa. in 1928).

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