Acadian Reel



Source: The melody is transcribed from the fiddling of Doug Protsik, recorded at Maine Fiddle Camp, Aug.7, 2009. I also include a more basic version of the melody elsewhere. *Tune Notes:* All eigth note rests apply to all players.

Acadian Reel



Tune Notes: This is a basic version of the melody. I also include a fuller version transcribed from the fiddling of Maine fiddler Doug Protsik.

All eigth note rests apply to all players.

Canadian Reel



Source: Old Grey Goose, Old Time Country Song & Dance Band. Cassette (self-produced), recorded in Liberty and Montvile, ME, 1993. They learned it from Gale Huntington of Martha's Vineyard.

Tune Notes: This is a tune I remember hearing from Bowdoinham dances with the Maine Country Dance Orchestra long ago. They often played it with the Dominion Reel. There's another transcription from a recording Doug Protsik made for the Maine Fiddle Camp website https://www.mainefiddlecamp.org in 2020.





Source: Doug Protsik, 2020 music for Maine Fiddle Camp, https://www.mainefiddlecamp.org/canadian-reel/.

Tune Notes: Transcribed from the playing of Doug Protsik. This is a tune I remember hearing from Bowdoinham dances with the Maine Country Dance Orchestra long ago. There is another transcription from Old Grey Goose recorded in 1993, played in C.

Reel du père Bruneau



Source: Philippe Bruneau, Accordéon diatonique. Disques Tout Crin, TCDA 19083-2, 2003. From the Archives of the Canadian Museum Of Civilization, recorded between 1978 and 1982.

Tune Notes: Composed by Lorenzo Picard in honor of Philippe Bruneau
On this track Michel Faubert is playing fiddle and Mario Loiselle is playing piano.
The chords should be considered my best guesses based on the playing of Mario Loiselle. There is also a version on the website based on recordings by Lisa Ornstein & Dénis Pepin and by Raz-de-marée.

Reel du père Bruneau



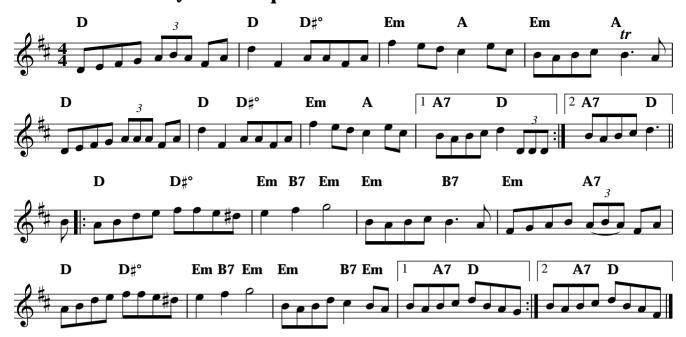
Source: Lisa Ornstein & Denis Pepin, *Danseries de la Belle Province*. Québec, Lisa Ornstein, 1984.

Rachel Aucoin & Sabin Jacques. Raz-de-Marée, *Musique traditionelle québécoise.* Transcriptions by Claudine Arcand. Montréal, Tidal Wave Music.

Tune Notes: Composed in honor of Philippe Bruneau.

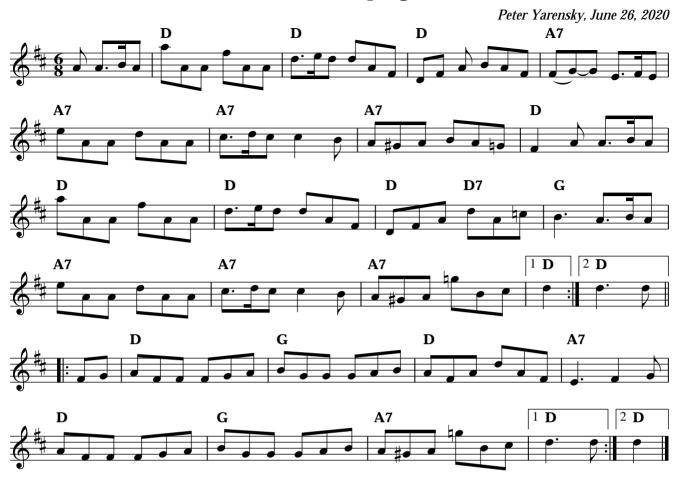
Melody from Lisa Ornstein and Denis Pepin. Chords from Rachel Aucoin. There is also a version on the website based on a recording by Philippe Bruneau.

Quatrième partie: Petit tour des dames



Source: Jean Marie & Lise Verret, La famille Verret Vol. 2. Philo Forerunner Series 42016. Tune Notes: Please note that the chords are my approximation to what Lise Verret plays, but shouldn't be considered any more than that.

Ash Swamp Jig



Tune Notes: This tune just came to me nearly complete. For most dances omit the repeat in the A part and play the second ending.

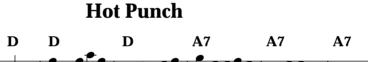
The Buttons



Source: Old Grey Goose, Old-Time Country Song & Dance Band (cassette), 1993.

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A7



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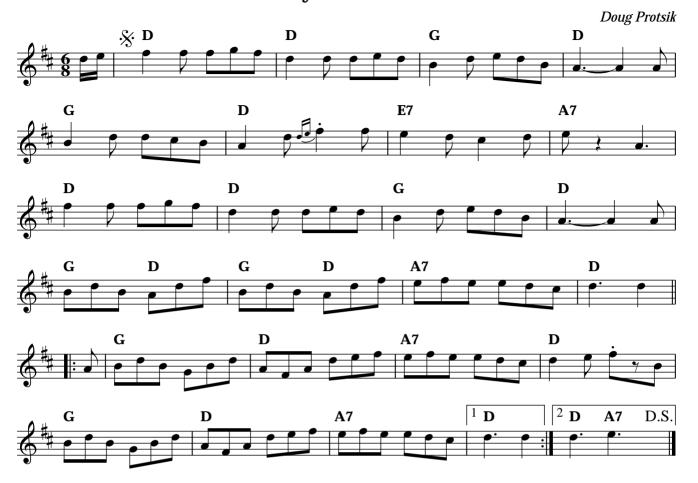


Source: Doug Protsik, recording made at Maine Fiddle Camp, 1998.

Maine Country Dance Orchestra, Bowdoinham Contradance, played many times, 1980s.

Tune Notes: This was a tune played fairly frequently at the Bowdoinham dance. It's a Scottish tune, possibly originally a pipe tune. This transcription is based on a recording of Doug Protsik playing the tune for me on a piano.

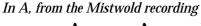
Lady of the Pond



Source: Old Grey Goose, Old-Time Country Song & Dance Band (cassette), 1993.

Glenn Towle

Dudley Laufman





The bass line goes nicely with the chords. Here's what Bob McQuillen was playing to the best of my ability to pick it out.

	AE AE	AE AE	BE BE	F#G# BG#	AE AE/F#	AE AC#	BG# eG#	AA AA
	AE	AE AE	BE BE	F#E e/DC#/B	AC# AE	DD# AC#/D	eG# eG#	AA AA
:	AE/F# AE/F#	AD AD	C#B C#B	AE AB/C#	AA/B DC#	C#D BA	ee/f# G#F#/G#	e/D/C#/B AA :

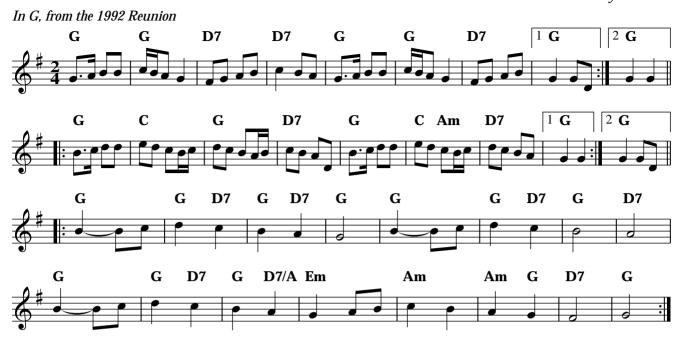
Source: Canterbury Country Dance Orchestra, Mistwold. F&W Records, F&W 5, 1974.

Tune Notes: Glenn Towle was a young and enthusiastic dancer who unfortunately died of leukemia at a young age. Dudley wrote this tune in his honor.

There is also a transcription in \check{G} , from a recording of a Canterbury Orchestra reunion in 1992. The melody is about the same but there are some differences in chord choices.

Glenn Towle

Dudley Laufman



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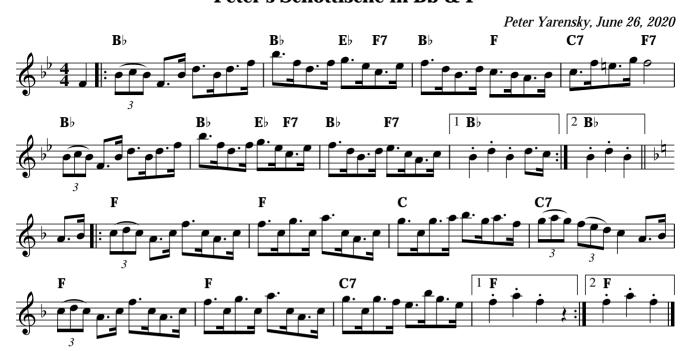
	GD GD	GD GD	AD AD	AD AD	GD	GD GD	AD DE/F	GG GD	 	
								dE/F dE/F		
:	GG/A GG/A	BA BA	GD GF#	GD EE	GB/c	dA AG	GG DD/E/	//F#//	DD GG:	 :

Source: Canterbury Country Dance Orchestra, Reunion, June 13, 1992.

Tune Notes: Glenn Towle was a young and enthusiastic dancer who unfortunately died of leukemia at a young age. Dudley wrote this tune in his honor.

There is also a transcriptioin in A, from the Mistwold record, recorded in 1994. reunion in 1992. The melody is about the same but there are some differences in chord choices.

Peter's Schottische in Bb & F



Tune Notes: This came to me the same day as the Ash Swamp Jig. The A part was largely complete, and the B part didn't take much longer. The dotted rhythm should be in a 2:1 (relaxed) ratio rather than the 3:1 ratio implied by the notation.

As played by Philippe Bruneau on button accordion. Fiddlers may have to adapt in places. See notes below about A & B part endings.

Introduction: Last 4 measures of A part with first ending.



He played the melody differently each time through. Here are some A-part variations.



A part: In the last 4 measures the piano played only bass notes; the chords below are my best guesses. The B part actually begins during the second ending. B part: The repeat of the B part begins during the first ending.

Source: Philippe Bruneau, Philippe Bruneau. Philo FI-2003, 1973.

With Yvan Brault, piano & Gilles Losier, bass.

Carmelle Bégin, Philippe Bruneau: Musique traditionelle pour accorde on diatonique.

Ottawa: Muse es nationaux du Canada, 1983.

Tune Notes: A complete transcription may be found in Carmelle Bégin's excellent book of transcriptions of the playing of Philippe Bruneau. Although this transcription is primarily based on the recording, Carmelle Bégin's book was very helpful at times. In this transcription I have omitted some of the octave double stops, quintuplets and other ornaments that would be nearly or completely unplayable on a fiddle.

Fiddler's Waltz

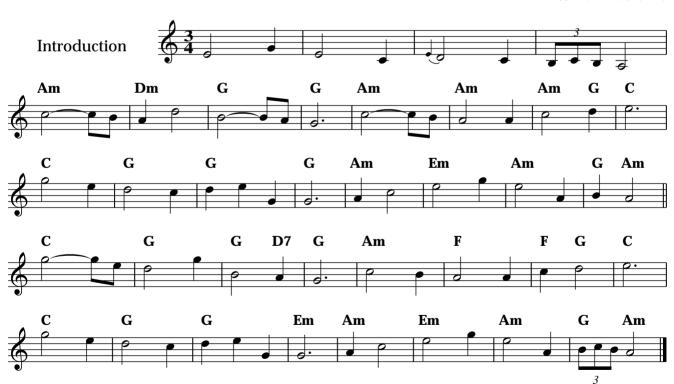


Source: Champlain Valley Festival, 1988, Jam session with April Limber and friends. Tune Notes: I recorded it from a jam session. When they were done I asked April and she said it was the Fiddler's Waltz. I haven't been able to find anything else out about it.

Heather Island

Eilean Fraoich

William Mackenzie



Source: Randy Miller (piano solo), Rod & Randy Miller, New England Chestnuts Vol. 2, Alcazar Records FR 204, 1981.

Tune Notes: I figured out the chords by ear from the recording, but later looked at Randy's book *The Fiddler's Throne* (Fiddlecase Books, 2004). To my surprise there was complete agreement with Randy's chords in the book.



Source: Based on a transcription by the great Maine Canadian fiddler Don Roy, posted on the website of his band Fiddle~icious, Maine's Largest Fiddle Orchestra https://fiddleicious.com/tune/valse-louise/ in 2015.

Tune Notes: I am presenting several versions of the tune on this website as it seems to have developed more variations than many tunes. This one probably comes closest to how it's typically played by fiddlers in New England who are interested in Canadian fiddling.

Valse Louise

Valse Aldor

Aldor Morin (1921-1998)



Source: Aldor Morin, Collection Les Grands Folkloristes Québécois. Disques Mérite 1376 (Copie Maître London Records Et Bonanza), CD compilation, 2006. Much of this information comes from a nice article about him at: http://mnemo.qc.ca/bulletin-mnemo/article/aldor-morin-harmoniciste-calleur.

Tune Notes: This is a transcription of Aldor Morin playing the tune on harmonica. I include a few attempts at transcribing harmonica ornamentation, but didn't try to be complete in part for reasons of legibility, and in part due to my limited ability to transcribe many of the details. Chords are transcribed from the recording as accurately as I could.

Aldor Morin got started playing harmonica at the age of 6. He learned harmonica from Madame Bolduc and by the age of 7 was playing out around Québec. He played with Jean Carignan, Tommy Duschesne and Isidore Soucy among others. He was also known as a caller, and he wrote a number of excellent tunes.

Valse Louise

Valse Aldor

Aldor Morin



Source: Normand Miron, recorded at a Québecois Social Dance session at Northern Week at Ashokan, 1998. Chords are transcribed as accurately as possible.

Tune Notes: Normand is a well known Québécois button accordion player. Jean Marie Verret was also playing which may have affected Normand's melody at times. Normand is very expressive, but much of it isn't easily written down; it involves subtle use of the bellows and subtle timing that isn't easy to notate.

I included a few idiosyncratic melodic and timing details that he didn't play every time to give more of a sense of his playing style.

Valse Louise

Valse Aldor

Aldor Morin

As Played by Normand Miron, transposed from C/F.



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Aldor Morin



Source: Philippe Bruneau, Au Symposium de Lévis (1989). Archives du Musée canadien des civilisations, Archives TDCA-2003PB, 2003.

Tune Notes: In The Waltz Book II, Bill Matthiesen says, quoting Lisa Ornstein, that Philippe Bruneau and Aldor Morin both sometimes played for the Soucy Family's Chez Isidore television show. "Philippe Bruneau popularized this waltz under the name Valse Aldor. although its original and correct title is Valse Louise." For some reason, though, on this recording he calls it Valse Armandine.

This is as accurate a transcription of Philippe Bruneau's version of the tune as I'm capable of doing. If you're familiar with his playing you're likely to be aware that his ornamentation is complex, and he plays many variations, On this recording there are a number of other instruments that create a rich sound that's great to listen to but hard to transcribe.

I include some of his idiosyncratic phrasing and timing. He doesn't play each detail all the time; and he has other variations not represented here. In the descending run of triplets he sometimes only plays some notes as triplets. If you want to avoid the high D at the end of the A part, the last 4 measures could be played an octave lower.

Southwind



Tune Notes: This is a fairly sandard New England version of the tune. I also include a transcription of a very nice version played by Randy Miller.

The South Wind



Source: Randy Miller, YouTube, 2020, https://youtu.be/khXHWMkMQAY.

Tune Notes: This is as Randy played it with two exceptions. He played it once on YouTube. The beginning of the A and ending of the B part reflect how he would play them if he were playing the tune multiple times. (This was verified with Randy.) In the recording the lead-in notes for the A part are quarter notes, and the second last measure of the B part is a C chord. I also include a fairly standard New England version of the tune.

Wild Wood Waltz

Version with more precise timing

End on an A part



The above chords are as played by Germaine Savoie. Here is how I back up the tune.

Source: Amand & Germaine Savoie, *A New Brunswick Lumberjack Fiddler*. Musk MEL 85-1. *Tune Notes:* Amand Savoie had interesting timing to his music, which I've tried to notate here. There is also a version of the tune that approximates the timing to make the music more readable.

Wild Wood Waltz

Some complex timing rounded for readability

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Mungalaten

As played by Eric & Kalle Sahlström



Source: Eric och Kalle Sahlström, Vi e ju Uplenningar ve, Valbo 1974. Jougo Music, JGOCD02, CD, 2004.

Tune Notes: Transcribed from the playing of Eric and Kalle Sahlström. To the extent the tune is accompanied it's through harmony, so I don't include chords. This is a tune from Munga in Uppland. According to the Swedish Wikipedia it was played by C. G. Englund, a nyckelharpa player from Munga at a fiddling competition in 1910, and immediately became very popular. The recording this is transcribed from is a concert recording, and the audience starts singing in the background part way through.

Polka from Greenland

As played by Olivia & Lars in D



Final Ending: The last measure can be played as two D quarter notes, or the last two measures could be played as just accompaniment without melody.

Some details: In the A part measures 5-8 they really played something closer to this:



On the YouTube recording they switch from the key of D to A in the middle of the fourth measure of the first A part. Here's what they played:



Source: Olivia und Lars beim Kulturnatten 2013 in NUUK, https://youtu.be/nkxMGGH71Ss, March 4, 2013.

Tune Notes: Translation: Olivia and Lars at the Kulturnatten 2013 in NUUK.

Played in D, then switched to A; transcribed separately in each key.

I haven't been able to find any more about the musicians although they're very good.

I have also transcribed a version by Thomas Møller, harmonica and Anders J. Ørts (guitar) in C. Each is somewhat different, with its own interesting variations.

I include an arrangement I put together that tries to keep the spirit of the tune while combining many of the most enjoyable variations.

It's really a Greenland polka; I keep it with Scandinavian tunes for convenience.

Polka from Greenland



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Polka from Greenland

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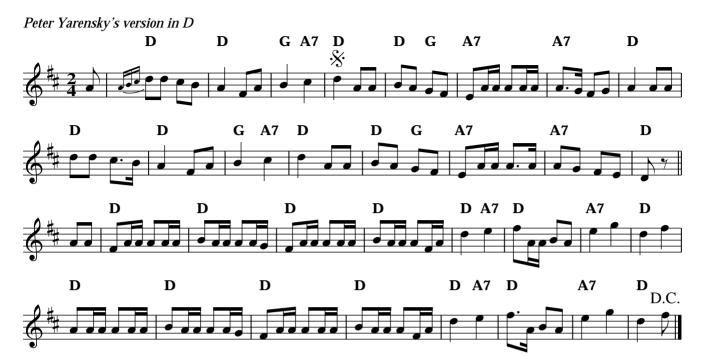


Source: Thomas Møller, harmonica and Anders J. Ørts, guitar, https://youtu.be/nkxMGGH71Ss, May 16, 2009.

Tune Notes: The video notes say: "Thomas Møller knows this polka from Greenland where he has been working as an aircraft mechanic for several years."

I have also transcribed versions by Olivia (fiddle) and Lars (accordion) (last names unknown) in D and A. Each is somewhat different, with its own interesting variations. I include an arrangement I put together that tries to keep the spirit of the tune while combining many of the most enjoyable variations. It's really a Greenland polka; I keep it with Scandinavian tunes for convenience.

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Olivia und Lars beim Kulturnatten 2013 in NUUK, https://youtu.be/nkxMGGH71Ss, March 4, 2013.

Tune Notes: I've presented a set of three transcriptions (the second recording has a key change), each of which is different. Here I tried to keep the spirit of the tune while combining many of the most enjoyable variations into a single version that reflects how I like to play it.

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Road to Boston Polska



Tune Notes: This is a variation on Road to Boston that has been hinted at here and there for years. I've attempted it in the past with some success, but this version which came to me in the shower is the first I've heard or come up with that is clearly Road to Boston as a hambo and that also sounds at least vaguely Swedish.

Selmer Ramsey's Old Time Schottische No. 3



Source: Selmer Ramsey's Old Time Music Volume 1. Mark Custom Records, MC6197, 1977.

Tune Notes: Selmer Ramsey (1914-1978) was a Minnesota fiddler. He played for dances around the state for many years, and composed several tunes. This is from the first of his three records.

Frankie's Kolomejka

Frankie Rodgers



Source: Frankie Rodgers & Gaby Haas, Play for a Horilka Party. Point Records, PS 302, 1968.

Tune Notes: As played by Frankie Rodgers.

So how did Frankie Rodgers come to write a kolomejka? In 2002 Albert Brien had a concert/workshop in the Fiddler's Loft in Kingston, NH with British Colombia fiddler Yvonne Hernandez. She played the tune and taught it during the workshop. I asked her that question. Her mother, who was in the audience called out that despite his name, Frankie was of Ukrainian background.