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Although most people think of Celtic music as Irish or Scottish music, it in fact comes from a wide variety of countries. Celtic music can be found in such places as Brittany France, Cape Breton Canada, (primarily made up of people of Scots, Irish and French descent), and in Galicia and Asturias in Spain. These latter musical traditions are smaller, but increasingly vibrant and growing with music traditions that have similar songs dances and rhythms. There are strong ties with all these places as the Celts originally inhabited these areas dating back to pre-Roman times.

The CD tracks were recorded with the solo Violin instrument on the right stereo side and the rhythm tracks recorded on both left and right sides. To only hear the rhythm tracks, to play along with, turn the balance control of your stereo system to the left.

All tracks were recorded using CUBASE and VST instruments. The C.D. is meant as an instructional aid and not for any other purpose and while I feel it is always better to use REAL acoustic instruments the logistics of getting the numerous musicians required to make a recording was not feasible.

Originally all Celtic music was played by one melody instrument and various accompanying percussion instruments. In this book the accompaniment has been modernized using Accordion (piano accordion) Acoustic Bass, Celtic steel stringed guitar, Celtic Harp, Mandolin and various percussion instruments.

Anglesey

Traditional

♩ = 160

The sheet music consists of six staves of music for a single melody. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 4/4. The tempo is indicated as ♩ = 160. The music is divided into four sections by double bar lines, each starting with a repeat sign. The first section ends with a final double bar line. The notes are primarily eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns and rests. The melody includes several melodic turns and slurs. The lyrics are represented by letters placed above specific notes: D, D, G in the first section; A, D in the second; D, A in the third; A, D, G, A in the fourth; D, D, A in the fifth; and D in the sixth.