The Borders Connection



MUSIC IN THE SCOTTISH STYLE
FOR
FIDDLE AND ACCORDION
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Introduction

Since we published our first book of tunes, "Winds of Change" in 2018 Seonaid and I have continued to add to our collection.

The tunes in "Border Connection", with some exceptions, were written with dancing in mind and a number of the titles refer to the area of the Scottish Borders where we live.

2020 has been an exceptional year and we would like to share these tunes freely. Please use the music as you wish. Our only request is that our copyright is acknowledged and they are not used for personal gain.

We hope you find something you like in the collection.

Roddy Johnston and Seonaid Lynn



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The Inspiration for some of the tunes,

A Wee Jig.- Written in frustration to go into a dance set when I couldn't find a suitable tune.

Alison Baxter's Tune. Alison is a music teacher, pianist and choral director friend from Dunfermline.

Bairnkine Winter. Bairnkine is a hamlet south of Jedburgh where our artist and friend, Alan Turner, lives and works.

Ballinluig Nights. Mid Atholl Strings meet regularly in Ballinluig. This tune is a thank you for the music and good company (and home baking) they have so generously shared with us.

Ben Nevis Ceilidh. I wrote this when we played for a Ceilidh at the Nevis Range on Anoach Mor in 2013. Re-discovered when clearing out some old sheet music.

Bobban-Tilter. Old Scots saying for any bouncing, dangling object.

Cabin fever and Gazing Through the Window. Written during Covid19 2020 lockdown.

Celie's Dance. Celie is a young dancer and the daughter of Sophie the founder of Meaudre Reel.

David's Fingers. On route to play for a dance in Leicester, fiddler and friend, David trapped his fingers in the car door just as we were about to drive to the gig. Luckily the door flexed enough to prevent injury but David's language was rather colourful! The tune is meant to reflect the occasion.

Goodbye Old Friend. Followed an emergency visit to the dentist during lockdown.

L' Accordeoniste and Nos Bon Amis. Written for two good friends Joce and Christian who live on the outskirts of Grenoble. They have taken care of us for many years when we have attended the Meaudre Reel Scottish Country Dance weekend. Joceline plays the accordion and Christian is an exponent of the region's traditional dance.

Littledean Tower. While researching the area around our home we discovered the ruins of 15th century tower with a very dark history.

Logie's Lullaby. Logie is Theresa and Pete Clark's Cocker Spaniel.13 weeks old when the tune was written.

Over Carter Bar. Travelling home from the South we cross the Border on the A68 at Carter Bar. In good weather the views are spectacular and we can see our home in the far distance.

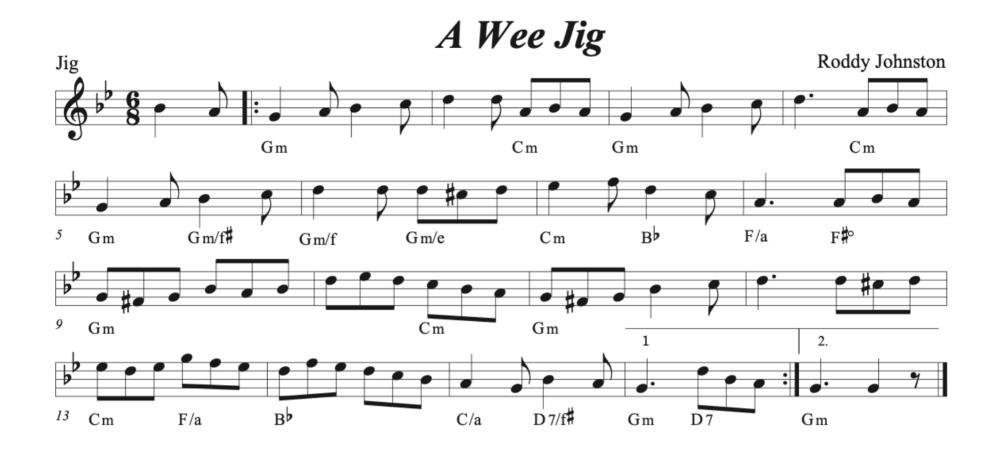
Sandra's Tune. Written for a fiddler friend from Aberfeldy who also makes excellent cakes.

Those Soft Border Hills. Celebrating the beautiful scenery of the Scottish Borders.

"Touring" the Meniscus. A linguistic misunderstanding and a painful experience for a friend from Birmingham.

Up to Muirhouselaw. One of Seonaid's regular walks during lockdown in 2020.

The Wire Bridge. A cable suspension footbridge over the Tweed at Mertoun that we cross on another of our local walks.



Alison Baxter's Jig



Bairnkine Winter



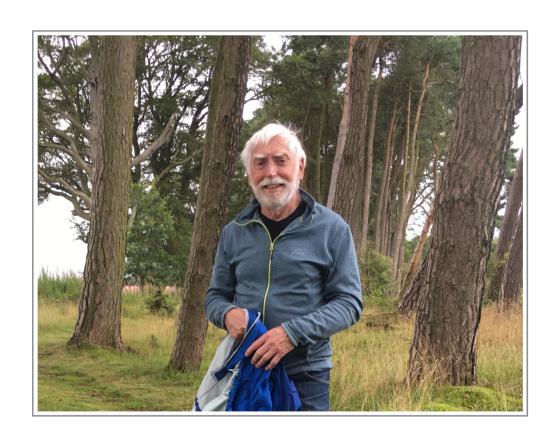
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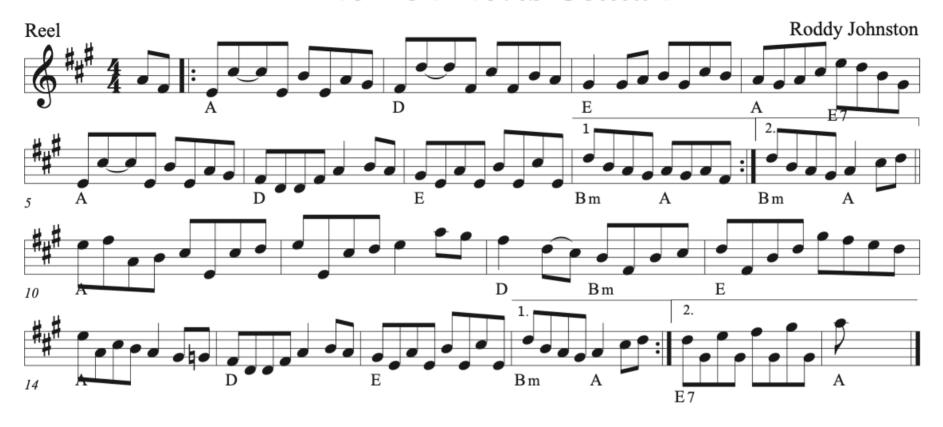


The Bearded Stranger





The Ben Nevis Ceilidh



Bin There Done That



Bobban-Tilter



Cabin Fever



David's Fingers (Open the B.... Door)



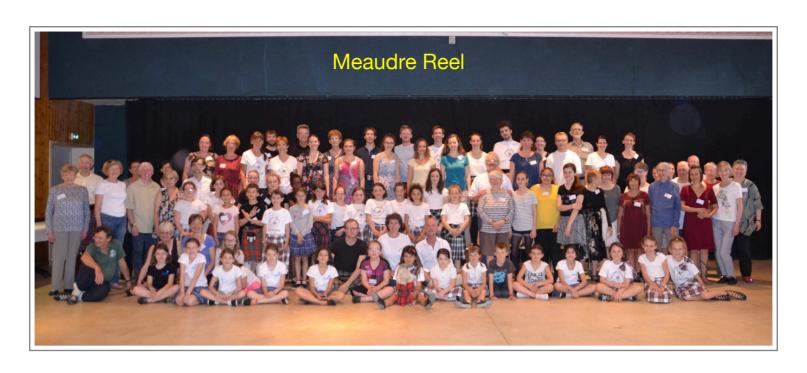
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Goodbye Old Friend



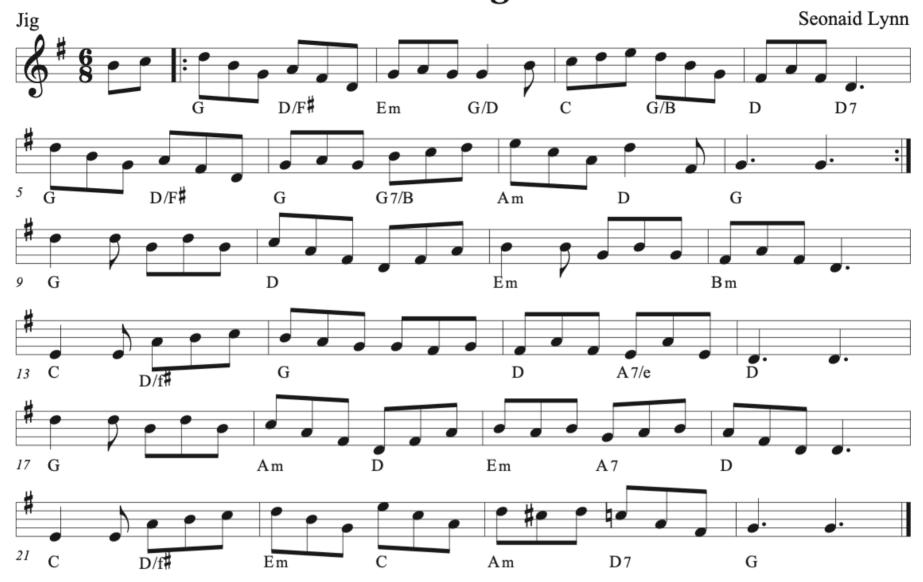




Jiggin' About



The Jigsaw



L'accordeoniste



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La Danse de Celie (Celie's Dance)



Littledean Tower





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