WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA DULCIMER COLLECTIVE



<u>2019 – 1st Quarter Newsletter</u>

The Western North Carolina Dulcimer Collective is a member-supported group of players of mountain and hammered dulcimers, and those who enjoy listening to dulcimers and/or playing other traditional instruments with them. The group meets once per month to share tunes and information. Dues are \$5.00 per year payable to *WNCDC* – Mail checks to Carl Cochrane, 3239 Heritage Circle, Hendersonville, NC 28739-3553.

DULCIMER CLUB NEWS

MONTHLY TUNES:

<u>January 13th</u>: *The Frog Would A-Wooing Ride*. A 1609 song from a 1902 "bringing together of poetical pieces which are, presumably, well-known to the average person." Not a love song with a happy ending...

<u>February 10th</u>: *Love Will Find Out The Way*. Perhaps more appropriate for Valentine's Day, this song appears in William Chappell's "Popular Music of the Olden Time." He notes the song was still being sung in the summer of 1855. The tune was in Playford's Musick's "Recreation on the Lyra Viol" (1652). The ballad was so popular in 1661 that a play was named for the song.

March 10th: *I Loathe That I Did Love*. Time for a little Shakespeare? This old ballad was said by William Chappell (see above) to be the source for the Gravedigger's Song in Hamlet, although a different tune is now used in the play. Oh well, we had a happy love song for February, at least!

	SONG REVIEW SCHE	DVLE
January:	She Is Far From The Land Sonny's Mazurka The Snouts and Ears of America	(1 st Quarter, 2000) (4 th Quarter, 1996) (3 rd Quarter, 2012)
February:	Southwind Spanish Is The Loving Tongue Spotted Pony	(2 nd Quarter, 2001) (2 nd Quarter, 2000) (2 nd Quarter, 2001)
March:	Suo Gan Tell Poor Lou I'm Gone These Things Shall Be	(4 th Quarter, 1994) (1 st Quarter, 2012) (2 nd Quarter, 1997)

The Frog Would A-Wooing Ride

- 1. It was the frog in the well, Humble dum, humble dum, And the merry mouse in the mill, Tweedle, tweedle, twino.
- 2. The frog would a-wooing ride, Humble dum, humble dum, Sword and buckler by his side, Tweedle, tweedle, twino.
- 3. When upon his high horse set, Humble dum, humble dum, His boots they shown as black as jet, Tweedle, tweedle, twino.
- 4. When he came to the merry mill pin, Humble dum, humble dum, Lady Mouse beene you within? Tweedle, tweedle, twino.
- 5. Then came out that dusty mouse, ... I am lady of this house; ...
- 6. Hast thou any mind of me? I have e'en great mind of thee.
- 7. Who shall this marriage make? Our lords, which is the rat.
- 8. What shall we have to our supper? Three beans in a pound of butter.
- 9. But, when supper they were at, The frog, the mouse, and e'en the rat,
- 10. Then came in Tib, our cat, And caught the mouse e'en by the back,
- 11. Then did they separate: The frog leapt on the floor so flat;
- 12. Then came in Dick, our drake, And drew the frog e'en to the lake,
- 13. The rat he ran up the wall, And so the company parted all.

From Thomas Ravenscroft's 1609 work "Melismata",. Found in "English Songs and Ballads" compiled by Crosland in 1902. That book was described as "a bringing together of poetical pieces which are, presumably, well-known to the average person."

Love Will Find Out The Way

- 1. Over the mountains
 And over the waves,
 Under the fountains
 And under the graves;
 Under floods that are deepest,
 Which Neptune obey,
 Over rocks that are steepest,
 Love will find out the way.
- 2. When there is no place
 For the glow-worm to lie,
 When there is no space
 For receipt of a fly;
 When the midge dares not venture
 Lest herself fast she lay,
 If Love come, he will enter
 And will find out the way.
- 3. You may esteem him
 A child for his might;
 Or you may deem him
 A coward for his flight;
 But if she whom Love doth honour
 Be conceal'd from the day —
 Set a thousand guards upon her,
 Love will find out the way.
- 4. Some think to lose him
 By having him confined;
 And some do suppose him,
 Poor heart! to be blind;
 But if ne'er so close ye wall him,
 Do the best that ye may,
 Blind Love, if so ye call him,
 He will find out his way.
- 5. You may train the eagle
 To stoop to your fist;
 Or you may inveigle
 The Phoenix of the east;
 The lioness, you may move her
 To give over her prey;
 But you'll ne'er stop a lover —
 He will find out the way.

This song appears in William Chappell's "Popular Music of the Olden Time" from 1859. He notes the song was still being sung in the summer of 1855. The tune was in Playford's Musick's "Recreation on the Lyra Viol" (1652). The ballad was so popular in 1661 that a play was named for the song.

I Loathe That I Did Love

- 1. I loathe that I did love, did love; In youth that I thought swete: As time requires for my behove, Me-thinks they are not mete.
- 2. For Age with stealing steps
 Hath clawde me in his crowch;,
 And lusty Youthe awaye he leapes,
 As there had been none such..
- 3. A pikaxe and a spade
 And eke a shrowding sheet,
 A home of clay for to be made
 For such a guest most mete.

This old ballad was said in William Chappell's "Popular Music of the Olden Time" to be the source for the Gravedigger's Song in Hamlet, although a different tune is now used in the play. Words from Percy's "Reliques", tune "Now ponder Well."

⇒ January '19 *⇔ The Frog Would A-Wooing Ride*

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MEETING DATES

January 13, 2019 February 10, 2019 March 10, 2019

MEETING LOCATION/TIME

Second Sunday of each month from 2:30-5:00 at The Folk Art Center Upstairs Gallery, Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville

The Folk Art Center is located on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Milepost 382, about 1/2 mile North of US 70, just East of Asheville. Take I-40 Exit 55 to Highway 70, then left to the Parkway, or take I-240 Exit 7 and go East on Highway 70 to the Parkway. The Club meets in the upstairs gallery, across from the top of the ramp as you enter the Folk Art Center.

Handicapped Access is available: From Highway 70, go West from the Parkway just past the VA Medical Center to Riceville Road. Go to the Folk Art Center Service Entrance. A ramp leads to a second floor entrance next to where we set up.