



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA DULCIMER COLLECTIVE

2021 – 2nd Quarter Newsletter

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

No meetings at the Folk Art Center until at least Summer.

MONTHLY TUNES:

April 11th: *The Praise of Islay*. An old Gaelic tune, originally “Moladh Na Landaidh”. “Islay” is pronounced “EYE-luh”.

May 9th: *A Boy’s Best Friend Is His Mother*. Mother’s Day! Not from the horror movie “Psycho”, although that’s mostly what you’ll find if you search for the title. My first club tab that’s two pages, to fit all the lyrics. It could be played an octave higher on the dulcimer, but would involve some long jumps, as well as high fret numbers in D-A-AA. This will give you some practice working across the fretboard.

June 13th: *Nelly Bly*. A Stephen Foster song, and not about the 19th century journalist. However, her editor actually picked her byline name from this song!

SONG REVIEW SCHEDULE

April:	Early One Morning East Virginia Engine 143	(4 th Quarter, 2004) (2 nd Quarter, 1993) (3 rd Quarter, 2013)
May:	English Country Garden Fa la Nana, Bambin The Factory Girl	(1 st Quarter, 1992) (1 st Quarter, 2011) (2 nd Quarter, 2013)
June:	Father, Father Finlandia / Be Still My Soul From Night Till Morn	(1 st Quarter, 1990) (4 th Quarter, 1993) (4 th Quarter, 2014)

The Praise of Islay

1. See afar yon hill Ardmore,
Beating billows wash its shore,
But its beauties bloom no more
For me now far from Islay.

Chorus

O my dear, my native isle,
Naught from thee my heart can wile,
O my dear, my native isle,
My heart beats true to Islay.

2. Though its shore is rocky, drear,
Early doth the sun appear
On leafy brake and fallow deer,
And flocks and herds in Islay.

Chorus

3. Eagles rise on soaring wing,
Herns watch the gushing spring,
Heath-cocks with their whirring bring
Their own delight to Islay.

Chorus

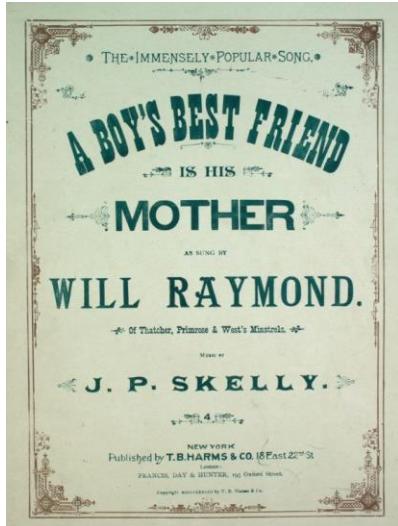
4. Birken branches there are gay,
Hawthorns wave their silvered spray,
Every bough the breezes sway
Awakens joy in Islay.

Chorus

5. Mavis sings on hazel bough,
Linnets haunt the glen below,
O may long their wild notes flow
With melodies in Islay.

Chorus

An old Gaelic tune, originally "Moladh Na Landaidh". "Islay" is pronounced "EYE-luh".



A Boy's Best Friend Is His Mother

While plodding on our way
the toilsome road of life.
How few the friends that
daily there we meet.
Not many will stand by
in trouble and in strife.
With counsel and affection ever sweet!
But there is one whose smile
will never from us turn.
Whose love is dearer far than any other.
And wherever we may turn
This lesson we will learn -
A boy's best friend is his mother.

Chorus

Then cherish her with care.
And smooth her silvery hair.
When gone you will never get another;
And wherever we may turn
This lesson we may learn -
A boy's best friend is his mother.

Tho' all the world may frown,
and ev'ry friend depart;
She never will forsake us in our need;
Our refuge evermore
is still within her heart.
For us her loving sympathy will plead.
Her pure and gentle smiles
forever cheers our way,
They're sweeter and they're purer
than all other!
When she goes from earth away
We'll find out while we stray -
A boy's best friend is his mother.

Her kind and gentle face
not long may greet us here,
Then cheer her with our
kindness and our love:
Remember at her knee,
in childhood bright and dear.
We heard her voice,
like angel's from above.
Tho' after years may bring
their gladness or their woe,
Her love is sweeter far than any other;
And our longing heart will learn
Wherever we may turn -
A boy's best friend is his mother.

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Nelly Bly

1. Nelly Bly! Nelly Bly!
Bring the broom along,
We'll sweep the kitchen clean, my dear,
And have a little song.
Poke the wood, my lady love
And make the fire burn,
And while I take the banjo down,
Just give the mush a turn.

Chorus

Hey, Nelly! Ho Nelly!
Listen, love, to me,
I'll sing for you and play for you
A dulcet melody.

2. Nelly Bly has a voice
Like a turtle dove,
I hear it in the meadow
And I hear it in the grove.
Nelly Bly has a heart
Warm as a cup of tea,
And bigger than the sweet potatoes
Down in Tennessee.

3. Nelly Bly shuts her eye
When she goes to sleep.
When she wakes up again
Her eyeballs start to peep.
The way she walks, she lifts her foot,
And then she bumps it down;
And when it lights, there's music there
In that part of the town.

4. Nelly Bly! Nelly Bly!
Never, never sigh;
Never bring the tear drop
To the corner of your eye.
For the pie is made of pumpkins
And the mush is made of corn,
And there's corn and pumpkins
plenty, love,
A-lyin' in the barn.

By Stephen Foster, and not about the journalist of the later 1800's.



⇒ APRIL '21 ⇐

The Praise of Islay

Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA With marked rhythm

**M.D. Arr: Steve Smith
Ancient Gaelic Air**

D

Notes	F#	-	-	E	D	-	D	-	F#	-	-	G	A	-	-	-
D A dd	0 0 2			0 0 1	0 0 0		0 0 0		0 0 2			0 0 3	0 0 4			
D A AA	0 0 5			0 0 4	0 0 3		0 0 3		0 0 5			0 0 6	0 0 7			

D G A

O, my dear, my native soil!

A - F# - E - C# -

0 0 0 0

4 9 8 6+

0 0 0 0

7 12 11 9

D - - B A - - -

0 6 0 6

7 - - 5 4

0 8 0 8

7 - - 7 - -

Bm D G

Bm	D	G
Naught	from thee my	heart can wile,
F# - - G A - A -	B - C# - D - - C#	
0 0 0 1 0 0 2 3 4 4 -	0 0 0 6 6 6 5 6+ 7 - -	
5 0 0 5 0 0 5 6 7 7 -	0 0 0 6 6 6 8 9 10 - -	

→ MAY '21 ←

A Boy's Best Friend Is His Mother (Verse)

Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA Andante

M.D. Arr: Steve Smith
J P Skelly 1883

D G A

	How	few	are	friends	that	dai-	ly	we	there	meet!
-	G	F#	A	D	F#	E	D	C#	D	E
	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
-		0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
-		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	2	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	4
-		0	3	5	0	4	3	2	3	0
	0	3	5	0	4	3	2	3	4	4

A musical score for a single voice. The key signature is one sharp. The vocal line starts with a rest followed by a note, then a series of eighth notes: G, G, G, A, A, A, B, B. The lyrics "With coun-sel and af-fec-tion ev-er sweet!" are written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line and a treble line. The bass line has notes at the beginning and end of the vocal phrase. The treble line has notes corresponding to the vocal line: G, G, G, A, A, A, B, B. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: "With" (rest), "coun-sel" (G, G, G), "and" (A, A, A), "af-fec-tion" (B, B), "ev-er" (rest), and "sweet!" (rest). The piano accompaniment ends with a sustained note on D.

A Boy's Best Friend Is His Mother (Chorus)

G D A D

But there is one whose smile, will ev- er on us beam,
 - D G G B G F# - - F# E D E F# D -
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0
 - 0 3 3 3 3 2 - - 2 1 0 1 2 0 -
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 4 4 4 0
 - 0 5 5 5 5 5 - - 5 0 0 0 5 0 3 -

G D A

whose love is dear- er far than an- y oth- er!
 - A B B C# B A D C# D F# E - - - - -
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0
 - 0 1 1 2 1 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 - - - - -
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 4 0 0
 - 0 3 3 3 3 0 0 0 2 3 0 0 5 4 4 - - - - -

D G D

And where ev- er we may turn, This les- son we will learn,
 A G F# A F# E D - - D E D B D A -
 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 4 3 2 0 2 1 0 - - 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 -
 4 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 3 0 0 -

G A D

A boy's best friend is His Moth- er
 - A B - G - F# E C# A A D - - - - -
 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 2 1 1 0 0 0 - - - - -
 0 0 0 3 0 5 4 5 4 4 2 0 0 0 - - - - -

→ JUNE '21 ←

Nelly Bly

Mountain Dulcimer: D-A-dd and D-A-AA Moderato

M.D. Arr: Steve Smith
Stephen Foster

	D		D	A
Notes	Nel- ly Bly! Poke the wood, my la- dy love and	Nel- ly Bly!	Bring the broom a- long, Make the fire burn,	We'll And
: F# - G - A - - - F# - G - A - - -	F# - - G A - B - E - - - G -			
D : 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 1 0 0 0 0	1 0
A : 0 0 0 0 0 0	2 3 4 2 3 4	2 3 4 5 1 3	5 1 3 8 4 6	0 0 0 0 0 0
dd : 2 3 4 2 3 4	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -
D : 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 4 0 0 0 0	4 0
A : 0 0 0 0 0 0	5 6 7 5 6 7	5 6 7 8 4 6	8 4 8 7 8 6	0 0 0 0 0 0
AA : 5 6 7 5 6 7	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -

D G D A

Hi, Nel- ly! Ho, Nel- ly!

List-en, love, to me, I'll

F# - - - D - D - D - - - B - B - A F# - - F# - - D E - - - - G -

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0	0	0	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
9	- - -	7	- 7	- 7	- - -	5	- 5	-	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
0	0	0	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
12	- - -	10	- 10	- 10	- - -	8	- 8	-	3	4
7	5	- -	5	- -	3	4	- -	3	4	6

D G A D

sing for you and play for you A dul- cem mel- o- dy.

F# -	G -	A -	A -	B -	C# -	D - -	D	C# -	D -	E - -	C# D - - - - :
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	4 0
0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	4	4	4	4 0
2	- 3	- 4	- 4	5	- 6+	- 7	- 7	6+ -	7	- 8	- 6+ 7 - - - - :
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	8	8 0
0	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	0	0	0	0 0
5	- 6	- 7	- 7	8	- 9	- 10	- 10	9	- 10	- 11	- 9 10 - - - - :



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MEETING DATES

April 11, 2021 (No physical meeting per Folk Art Center)

May 9, 2021 (No physical meeting per Folk Art Center)

June 13, 2021 (No physical meeting per Folk Art Center)

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.