

Barney McCoy

J.D. Murphy, published 1881
Harry Miller, lyrics (Australia, NSW, Carrowbrook)

The musical score for 'Barney McCoy' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a G chord. The second staff has C and D chords. The third staff has G, D, C, and D chords. The fourth staff has C and D chords. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune characteristic of a reel.

Rhythm: Reel

Book: J Meredith, R Covell, & P Brown, Folk Songs of Australia Vol 2, UNSW Press, 1987, p104, ISBN 0 86840 018 1

Source: collected from Jim Wilkinson, Carrowbrook, NSW

John Meredith Collection, NLA

Notes: This is one of many such songs in the Australian "tradition".

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History: This is an American song published in 1881. It is easily found on the web.

It was also collected from Joe Cashmere who called it 'Darling Norah'