

Harry Cotter's Single Reel No 2

The image shows a musical score for a single reel in 2/4 time, written in G major. The first staff contains the first line of music with chords G, C, D7, G, C, D7, G, C, D7, G, D7, G. The second staff contains the second line of music with chords G, C, G, D7, G, C, G, C, D7, G. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, typical of a reel.

Rhythm: Polka

Source: Harry Cotter, Binalong, NSW

collected by Chris Sullivan and Jacko Kevans

Notes: Other older versions:

- *Caledonian Pocket Companion* v.1, No 16261, (1743) as "The Auld Stewart's Back Again"
- *Robert Bremner "A Collection of Scots Reels or Country Dances"*, No 881, (p.88), (1757) as "Old Stuarts back again"
- *Airds*, v.2, No 244, (c.1780), as "Stumpie"
- *Niel & Nathaniel Gow, "Gow's Complete Repository" V.2* (c.1800) as "the Auld Stewart's Back again"
- *VMP, Rev R Harrison MS, No 137, (1815)* as "Stumpie"
- *John Buttery MS, No 232, (early C19th)*, as "A Quick Step"
- *VMP, Edward Holmes MS, No 339, (1846)* as "Stumpie"
- *The Athole Collection v.1 No 25* as "Auld Stewart's back Again, The"
- *Francis O'Neill, "Dance Music of Ireland" v.2, No 577, (1907)* as "The Old Pensioner"

Tune transcribed by Tony Stuart, 2017

History: This tune forms the basis of a well known drinking song.