

Vive L'Amour

Lincolnshire Poacher

trad

Musical score for "Vive L'Amour" in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff has a bass clef and the same key signature. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, G, D7, G, C, G, D7, G on the first staff; and C, D7, G, C, D7, G on the second staff.

Rhythm: Jig

Book: Peter Ellis, "Collector's Choice, Vol 1", Victorian Folk Music Club Inc., 1986, p21, ISBN 0959826920

Source: Peter Ellis Collection, NLA

History: "Vive La Compagnie" has many variations from around the world.

There is an older version of this tune called "The Lincolnshire Poacher".

Scouts adopted it as one of their tunes under the title "Vive l'Amour".

It dates to 1818 in England's Traditional Ballads Index.

Irish singers adopted the tune for political use in the 19th century

("Ireland Blocks The Way") and Confederate soldiers adopted it during

America's Civil War as "Chivalrous C.S.A." (1861). The Lester S. Levy

Collection of Sheet Music has the first American publication dating from 1844.

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It is best sung as a call-and-response.