



Folk Dance Tune Sets

***Traditional, arranged by
Rob Harbron***



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Two Dance Sets

These tunes have been put together by Rob Harbron as part of The Full English school project at Hanham High School, South Gloucestershire in 2014.

Each set consists of 3 dance tunes chosen to work well together as a set. One is a set of reels, tunes in simple time (2/4, 4/4, 2/4), used for dances such as the *Dashing White Sergeant*. The other set is of jigs, tunes in compound time (6/8, 9/8, 12/8), used for dances such as *Circassian Circle*. Each tune might be repeated a few times before moving on to the next in the set.

Chords have been suggested – but these chords are merely suggestions – most folk musicians would use chords similar to these but different musicians would be likely to change chords in different places. Some players would use a lot more relative minors, some would hold drones or pedals, and some would go for a much more jazzy approach. And of course the tunes work very well by themselves with no chords.

Additional Resources

Audio recordings by Rob Harbron of all the tunes in this pack are available for free download from www.efdss.org/resourcebank. Each tune is available individually at a slow speed. There is also a separate recording for each 'set' of tunes, played at full speed.

All the tunes can be found within The Full English digital archive:

REELS

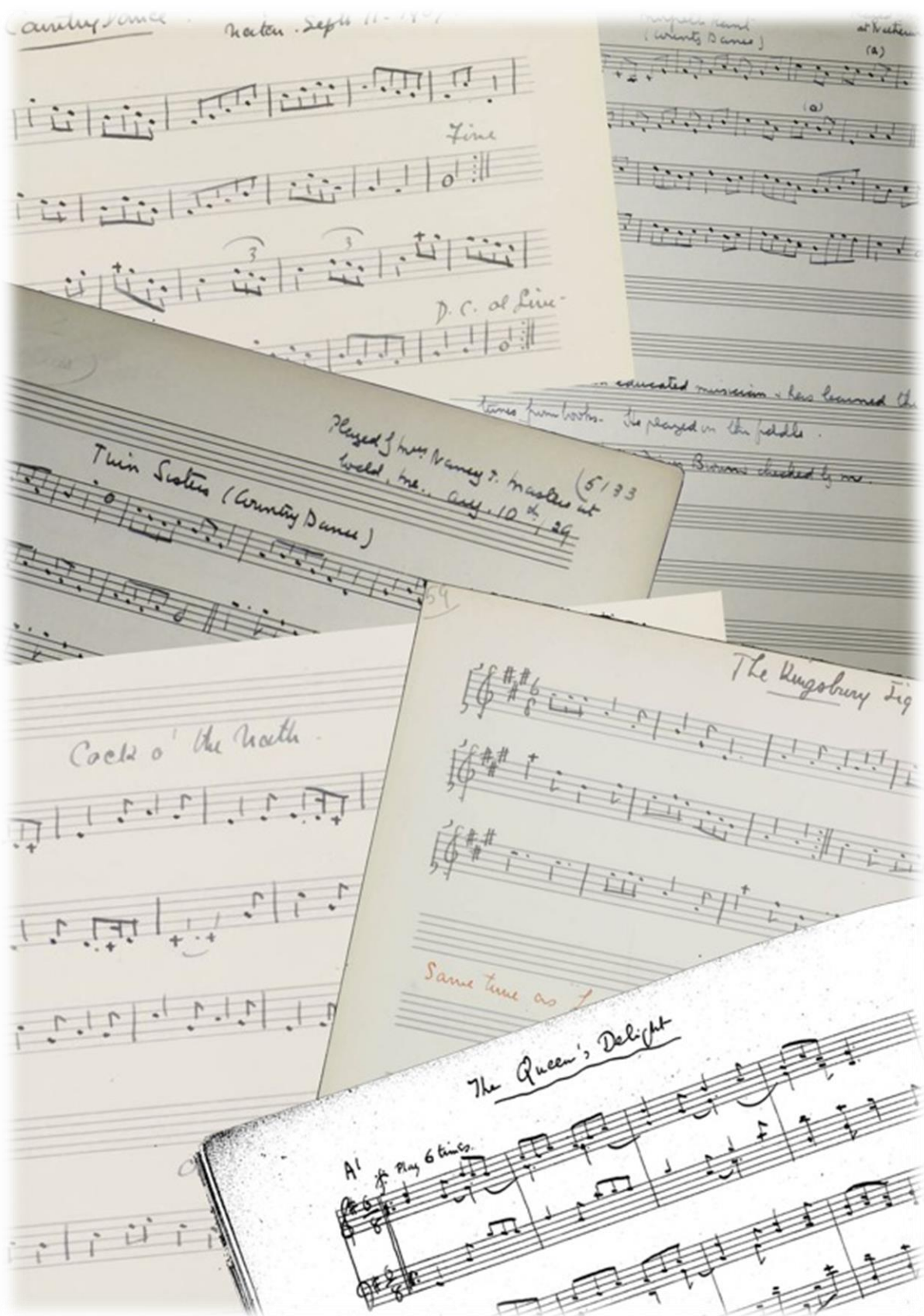
- **Twin Sisters:** www.vwml.org/record/MK/1/3/5133
Collected from Nancy Masters by Maud Karpeles
10 August 1929, Weld, Maine, USA
- **The Morpeth Rant:** www.vwml.org/record/MK/1/3/4996
Collected from Tom Arkle by Maud Karpeles & Mrs Dixon-Brown
16 May 1928, Netherwitton, Northumberland
- **Country Dance (Henry Cave's):** www.vwml.org/record/CJS2/10/1488
Collected from Henry Cave by Cecil Sharp
11 Sept 1907, Midsomer Norton, Somerset

JIGS

- **The Queen's Delight:** www.vwml.org/record/GB/7d/18
Collected from Will Rolf by George Butterworth
1912, Bucknell, Oxfordshire
- **Handsworth Sword Dance Tunes: Cock O' The North**
www.vwml.org/record/CJS2/10/2816B
Sent by Mr Shaw to Cecil Sharp
Feb 1913, Darnall, Yorkshire
- **The Kingsbury Jig:** www.vwml.org/record/CJS2/10/59
Collected from The Barrington Fiddlers by Cecil Sharp
26 Dec 1903, Hambridge, Somerset

Tips for learning

- Listen to the recordings of the tunes, and play along, listening out for repeated passages and patterns.
- Play from the page, gradually committing tunes to memory so you can throw the music away!



Dance tune set - Reels

from The Full English digital archive

TWIN SISTERS

THE MORPETH RANT

COUNTRY DANCE (Henry Cave's)

from The Full English digital archive

THE QUEEN'S DELIGHT

G C D G C D G

G C D G C D G

Am C D G Am D

G C D G C D G

1,2 D G Change... D G

[illegible]

Rob Harbron

Rob Harbron is a sought-after multi-instrumentalist, composer and producer and one of the country's leading players of the English concertina. He performs and records with numerous artists including Leveret, Fay Hield and the Hurricane Party, Emma Reid, Jon Boden and the Remnant Kings, Kerr Fagan Harbron and Fieldfare. He was Musical Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company's 2013 production of *The Winter's Tale*, and he has recently been commissioned to write music for the British Silent Film Festival, the English Folk Dance and Song Society and the Royal Geographical Society. He is a popular teacher and workshop leader, directs the English Acoustic Collective Summer School and has been a tutor for the National Youth Folklore Troupe of England.

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