

The Piper's Tunes

G D
As I roved through the town to view the pretty lasses
G C D
The old maids with a frown peeped at me thro' their glasses
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To Cove we will go down to view the lasses pretty
C G Am D
And the sailor men also which sets forth all its beauty.

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Chorus

G D  
Ri-too-ral-oo-ral-ah, Ri-too-ral-oo-ral-addy  
G D G  
Ri-too-ral-oo-ral-ah, Ri-too-ral-oo-ral-addy.

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There's Captain Burke of Grove, a very famous name, sirs.
He keeps the buck and doe, and hunts the sporting game, sirs.
He winds the whip and spur, and makes the hunters rattle
And when that home he comes, he'll surely crack a bottle.

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Chorus

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John Blake for to promote, he plays some tunes so merry;
He gave some charming notes to banish melancholy,
He'll then blow up the pipes to play the tune "Brave Larry,"
You'd laugh until you'd die to hear "Sweet Paddy Carey."

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Chorus

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He'd play the Prussian Wars, The falls of the Boyne Water,
Jeannette and Jeannot, and the March of Alexander,
The blooming White Cockade, The Old Brigade is coming,
O'Connell's in for Clare, and All the bells were ringing.

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Chorus

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He played the Colleen Bawn, The banks of Kitty's Cottage,
The affermonious jig, called my mother's mess of pottage.
The Wexford Rakes in style, and Trip the world before him,
The Sailor's Hornpipe, and Garryowen and Glory.

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He played from Kitty from Athlone, with Moreen móra Glanna,
Noreen on the road, and the flashy Rakes of Mallow.
Aughrim's overthrow, and the fall of Carrig Castle,
Brave Sarsfield took command at many a famous battle.

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Chorus

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He played the Chorus jig, the ancient Ladies' Fancy,
Jack and the Jug of Punch, and the Bonnie highland laddie
The Ale-house in great glee, with the Glass of brandy
The Roving sporting wheel, m y love he is a dandy.

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Chorus

Nora Creena, he can play with all the variations  
The Rambler from Tralee,, the De'il among the Tailors.  
The Job of journey work, and the Boy she left behind her,  
The song of Paddy Whack, and Tall-hi-ho the grinder.

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Chorus

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He played up Bob and Joan, with Ju Ju Joice the joker  
The famous jig Tow-row, that was kept for Captain Croker.  
The Ball of Ballinafad, and the Banks of Bannow  
Plunkett's Moll in the wad, and Shawn O'Deer a'Glana.

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Chorus

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He played of Bonaparte who crossed the Alps in winter,  
The Union hornpipe, and the Killinick fox hunters,  
The song of Patrick's Day, and the jig of Paddy Carroll  
And each boy will Kiss the Maid behind the whiskey barrel.

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Chorus

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So now I'll sing no more, because my song is ended  
If I said anything wrong, I hope you're not offended  
Of hornpipes, jigs and reels, I'm sure I told you many,  
Get up and shake your heels, 'tis better sport than any.

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The Piper's Tunes is a celebration of Irish dance tunes and the musicians who played them. More specifically, it's about the great Irish piper John Blake. Blake was from Tuam in Co Galway and was considered one of the finest musicians in Ireland in the early part of the 19th century.

In those days, before the advent of recordings and mass communications, live music was the only kind of music available and so good musicians were much in demand. For more information about The Piper's Tunes, visit <http://www.irishmusicforever.com/pipers-tunes>

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