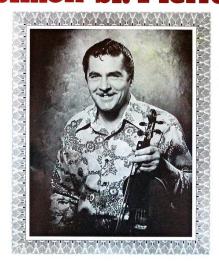
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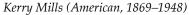


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	Tune Name	Composer (if known)
Ι.	Redwing	Kerry Mills (American, 1869–1948)
2.	Waverly Two Step	Graham Townsend (Ontario, 1942–1998)
3.	Joe King's Hornpipe	
4.	Busy Fingers	Graham Townsend (Ontario, 1942–1998)
5.	Uncle Henry's Reel	
6.	Run Johnny Run	
7.	Kiss Me Waltz	
8.	Little Roy's Breakfast	Graham Townsend (Ontario, 1942–1998)
9.	Concert Reel	John Durocher (Ontario, 1934–1989)
10.	Lighthouse Keeper	Graham Townsend (Ontario, 1942–1998)
11.	Nova Scotia Hop	
12.	Grandfather's Reel	John Durocher (Ontario, 1934–1989)

## Redwing





Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 197 Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: Simon played a crooked version of the tune. To play it for a polka or a contradance, substitute the dance version above for the last two measures.

## **Waverly Two Step**

Graham Townsend (Ontario, 1942–1998)

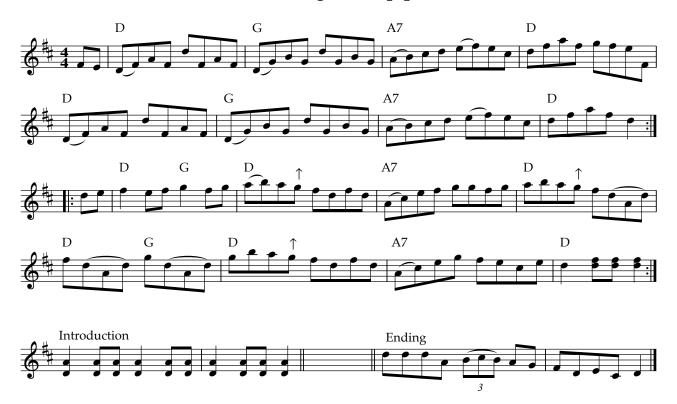


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Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: This tune has a second part which is not often played in New England.

## Joe King's Hornpipe



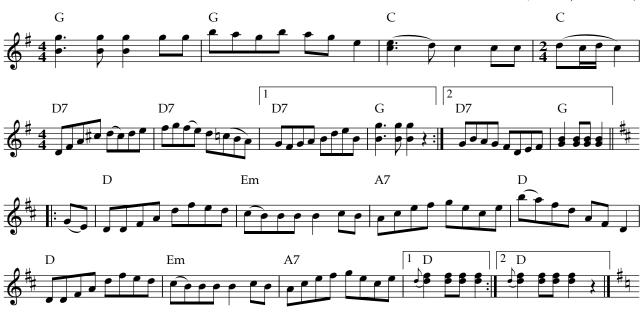
Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 197 Graham Townsend And His Backwoodsmen. By The Fireside, Point Records PS-372, 1972.

Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: All A naturals on the E string are played low. The G naturals marked with arrows are played nearly as G#. The names of Joe King's Hornpipe and Busy Fingers were reversed on the record. The names are listed correctly here.

## **Busy Fingers**

Graham Townsend (Ontario, 1942–1998)



Ending - replaces last 2 mm. after one A part



Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 197 Graham Townsend. North American Fiddle Champion ..., Arc Records AS 817.

Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: The names of Joe King's Hornpipe and Busy Fingers were reversed on the record. The names are listed correctly here.

## Uncle Henry's Reel



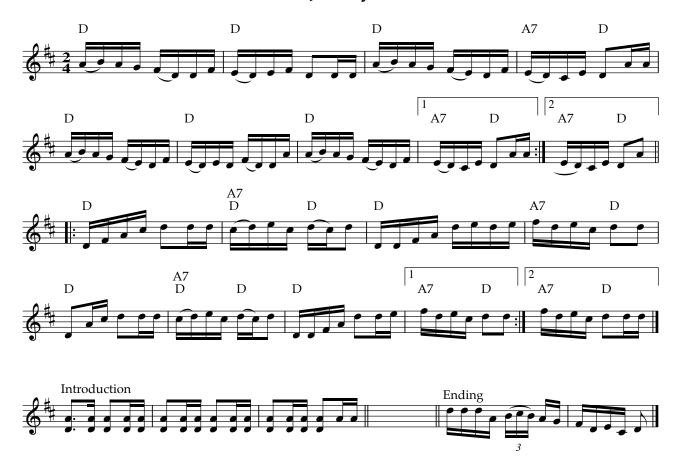
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Graham Townsend. I Like Don Messer, Banff SBS 5306, 1969.

Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: Simon played the beginning of the second A part with a double stop, continuing the pattern of the previous measure. One time he played the A2 ending differently, adding an extra beat between the A and B parts. Both of these are shown at the end.

#### Run Johnny Run



Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 197 Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: The alternate chords in the B part (top line) fit the melody better and are commonly played. Simon plays this mostly as a 28 bar tune, leaving out 4 bar sections in a seemingly random fashion. The tune ends after a 16 bar A part. This is not recommended for playing this tune at a dance, as the dancers will trip and you will not be rehired.

#### Kiss Me Waltz



Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 1977. Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: This tune is often attributed to Bill Monroe or Kenny Baker, but there are recordings predating both of them so it's best considered traditional.

You'd do better to listen to the recording than try to play this from the page! Take a look at the simplified version to understand where the melody is headed. Note that in places like measure 4, the pitch with the arrow is significantly higher than the "same" pitch in beat 1. Also note that Simon seems to take great pleasure in the tension between an even 1-2-3 beat and one where the first and last beat receive more time than beat 2.

#### **Kiss Me Waltz (core version)**



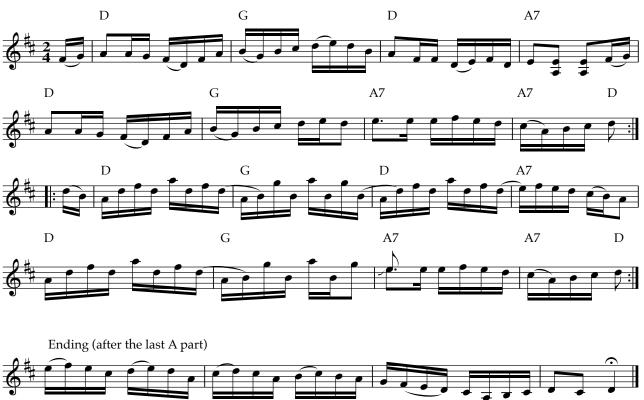
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Notes: This tune is often attributed to Bill Monroe or Kenny Baker, but there are recordings predating both of them so it's best considered traditional.

End with one A part (8 measures), using the second ending.

## Little Roy's Breakfast

Graham Townsend (Ontario, 1942-1998)

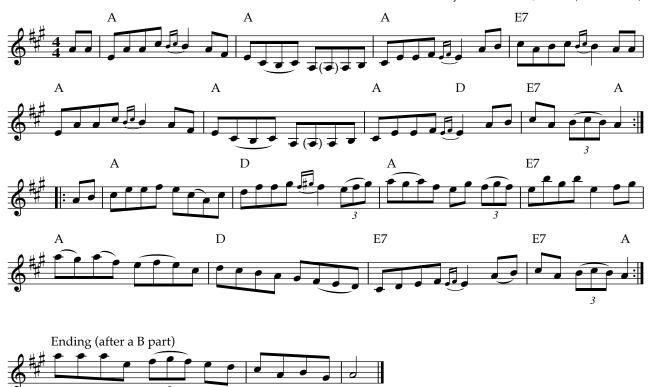


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Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

#### **Concert Reel**

John Durocher (Ontario, 1934–1989)



Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 197 Don Messer. More of Don Messer and His Islanders, Apex AL 1623, 1962. As YouTube video, <a href="https://youtu.be/CU2TIui\_7m0">https://youtu.be/CU2TIui\_7m0</a>.
Graham Townsend. North American Fiddle Champion ..., Arc Records AS 817.

Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: The notes in parentheses are ghost notes: notes that are really there, but barely audible, generally played with minimal bow movement and light bow pressure. Some of you may remember this tune as Century Reel on Greg Boardman's 1990s recording of the same name (Simon probably misremembered the name at the time Greg learned it.) It was made popular on the Don Messer Show.

#### Lighthouse Keeper



Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 1977. Graham Townsend. Graham Townsend And His Fiddle, Banff SBS 5284, 1967. Patti Kusturok. YouTube video, <a href="https://youtu.be/CTYFU4TSXBs">https://youtu.be/CTYFU4TSXBs</a>.

Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: End on an A major chord (C# & A) after a final A part.

Measures A12–13 were played two different ways; the alternate is shown at the end.

Also a common bass line for measures A7–8 is shown at the end.

#### Lighthouse Keeper (core version)



Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 1977. Graham Townsend. Graham Townsend And His Fiddle, Banff SBS 5284, 1967.

Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: End on an A major chord (C# & A) after a final A part.

## Nova Scotia Hop



Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 197 Graham Townsend. Graham Townsend Salutes Canada's Centennial, Banff RBS 1258, 1967.

Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

#### **Grandfather's Reel**

Reel du grandpère

John Durocher (Ontario, 1934–1989)



Discography: As played by Simon St. Pierre and the Kennebec Valley Boys. Fiddler From Maine, Revonah RS 926, 197 Don Messer. YouTube video, <a href="https://youtu.be/ppbKm9K8RTk">https://youtu.be/ppbKm9K8RTk</a>. Gerry Robichaud. Fancy Fiddlin', Banff RBS 1222, 1965.

Transcription: Melody, chords and lots of careful editing by Emeline Dehn-Reynolds and Peter Yarensky.

Notes: The bass player played an implied C chord reliably where noted, but others stay on the G chord.