Fred Holland's Polka



Book: J Meredith, H Anderson, Folk Songs of Australia Vol 1, UNSW Press, 1967, p231

Source: collected from Keith Holland & Vince Holland, Mudgee, NSW

John Meredith Collection, NLA

Notes: Variants of this tune were collected in Australia

- by John Meredith from Bill Cooper, as "Bill Cooper's Polka",
- by Peter Ellis as "Girl With The Blue Dress On",
 by Chris Sullivan from Charlie Batchelor as "Harry's Polka".
- Bob Ballantine, a Northumbrian whistle player who lived in central Victoria for many years, played this as his signature tune. Other versions were collected.

History: This tune is based on the "The Kitty Schottische" composed by Charles D'Albert Published by Woolcott and Clarke, Sydney Australia around 1855.