

Fred Holland's Polka

Musical score for Fred Holland's Polka, 2/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a repeat sign and a double bar line at the end. The second and third staves also end with double bar lines. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: C, Dm, C, G7, C on the first staff; C, F, G7, C on the second staff; C, F, C, G7, C on the third staff.

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.