

Joe Yates Polka

Australia, NSW, Sofala

The musical score for "Joe Yates Polka" is written in G major and 2/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is characterized by eighth-note patterns. Above the first staff are the chords D7, G, D7, G, D7, G, D7, and G. The second staff continues the melody with chords G, C, D7, G, C, D7, and G. The third staff features chords D, A7, D, A7, and D. The fourth staff concludes with chords G, D7, G, D7, and G. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Rhythm: Polka

Book: J Meredith, R Covell, & P Brown, *Folk Songs of Australia Vol 2*, UNSW Press, 1987, p191, ISBN 0 86840 018

Source: collected from Joe Yates, Sofala, NSW

John Meredith Collection, NLA

History: This tune is very similar to Alan Musgrove's version of

"The Old Woman From France", which appears in this series at No 36, 2009.