

Magpie Jig

Australia, NSW, Sofala



Rhythm: Jig

Book: J Meredith, R Covell, & P Brown, *Folk Songs of Australia Vol 2*, UNSW Press, 1987, p193

Source: collected from Joe Yates, Sofala, NSW

John Meredith Collection, NLA

see also Alexander Laing

Notes: Older versions of this tune: The earliest printed source appears to be:

- John Young, "The Second Volume of the Dancing Master 1st Edition", p48, (1710) as "Would You Have a Young Virgin"
- John Sutherland, "Aberdeen-shire Pastoral Pipe MS", (c.1785) as "Boys Avoid All Care".

The tune was collected in Australia as:

- "Miss Mary Marshall's Favourite", Alexander Laing MS, 1863
- "The Old Arrow Inn" Parts C & D from Frank Collins, Goulburn NSW
- "Ernie Wells Set Tune" from Ernie Wells, Burrell Creek, NSW
- "Going To Scotland", Harry Schaefer's lancers set, Fig 3, Schaefer MS, Forbes NSW

Transcription: arranged by Greg O'Leary

History: The Yates family had a pet magpie at one point. Joe managed to teach the whole first part to the tame magpie.