

Silly Old Man

Trad (Australia, NSW, Sydney)

The image shows a musical score for the piece 'Silly Old Man'. It is written in 6/8 time and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is presented in two systems, each with a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff. The first system consists of seven measures, and the second system also consists of seven measures. The melody in the treble staff is characterized by eighth and sixteenth notes, while the bass staff provides a simple accompaniment of quarter and eighth notes. Both systems end with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Rhythm: Jig

Book: J Walsh, "Caledonian Country Dances, Being a collection of all the celebrated Scotch country dances now in vogue", London N.D.

Source: J Walsh (pub 1750)

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Notes: The crew of the "HMS Bounty" are reported to have sung this as they threw Captain Bligh off his ship.

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