

# Vive L'Amour

## Lincolnshire Poacher

*trad*

Musical score for "Vive L'Amour" in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff has a bass clef and the same key signature. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, G, D7, G, C, G, D7, G on the first staff; and C, D7, G, C, D7, G on the second staff. The music is a jig with a lively, rhythmic melody.

*Rhythm: Jig*

*Book: Peter Ellis, "Collector's Choice, Vol 1", Victorian Folk Music Club Inc., 1986, p21, ISBN 0959826920*

*Source: Peter Ellis Collection, NLA*

*History: "Vive La Compagnie" has many variations from around the world.*

*There is an older version of this tune called "The Lincolnshire Poacher".*

*Scouts adopted it as one of their tunes under the title "Vive l'Amour".*

*It dates to 1818 in England's Traditional Ballads Index.*

*Irish singers adopted the tune for political use in the 19th century*

*("Ireland Blocks The Way") and Confederate soldiers adopted it during*

*America's Civil War as "Chivalrous C.S.A." (1861). The Lester S. Levy*

*Collection of Sheet Music has the first American publication dating from 1844.*

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*It is best sung as a call-and-response.*