

Home Sweet Home Schottische

Sir Henry Rowley Bishop (1787-1856)

G C G D7 G
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Rhythm: Schottische

Book: J Meredith, R Covell & P Brown, *Folk Songs of Australia Vol 2*, UNSW Press, 1987, p265

Source: collected from Arthur Foster, Killarney Vale, NSW
John Meredith collection, NLA Bib ID 645243

Notes: The tune was originally composed as a waltz by Henry Bishop in 1823.

History: "Collecting from Arthur Foster was akin to watching a magician pulling rabbits out of a hat. Almost every other item was a surprise. When he announced 'Home Sweet Home' I expected the usual mournful rendition, but instead he played an arrangement that must have poor Sir Henry Bishop spinning in his grave. 'Home Sweet Home' arranged by bushman Alec Broadis as a lively schottische. Never before had I realised that the old tune contained passages that sounded like 'Waltzing' Matilda' and others like excerpts from 'The Drovers dream'".
John Meredith, FSA vol 2, p264