De Boatman Dance



Notes: This one of many tunes that made it across the Pacific to Australia.

This tune became popular in the 1830s. Arron Copeland (1843) used it as part of his Appalacian suite.

It is known to have been performed on stage in Melbourne in 1952 by Ranier's

Ethiopian Minstrels who toured the Eastern seaboard.

Original and reprinted scores can be found online by searching for "The Boatman Dance"

Tune transcribed by Greg O'Leary History: Tune composed C.1832