

Joe the Railway Porter

The musical score for "Joe the Railway Porter" is written in D major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The second staff ends with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The third and fourth staves also end with repeat signs and double bar lines. The chords indicated above the notes are: D, G, A7, D, G, D, G, A7, D, G, D, Bm, D, D, Bm, D, A7, D, Bm, D, G, D.

Rhythm: Jig

Book: "Apple Shed Tune Book", 2nd edn, Steve & Marjorie Gadd (eds), March 2004, p49

Source: collected from Eileen McCoy

Notes: Other versions: This tune can be traced back to the 1750s.

VMP, R. Dalton MS, No 101, (1841) as "Merrily Danc'd the Quakers"

VMP, William Clarke MS, No 19, (1770), as "So merrily Dances ye Quakers"

James Kerr "Merry Melodies" v.1 p.32, No 18, (c.1880) as "Merily Danced The Quaker's Wife"

Other versions collected in Australia

A.Laing MS, No 87 c.1862, as "O'er the Water to Charlie"

Harry Schafer MS, no 47, as "Over the Water to Charlie"