Midnight Waltz



Rhythm: Waltz

Book: J Meredith, R Covell & P Brown, Folk Songs of Australia Vol 2, UNSW Press, 1987, p215

Source: collected from The Kurtz Family, Mudgee, NSW John Meredith Collection, NLA Bib ID: 2199666

Discography: recorded by the Stripling Brothers, Regal Zonophone, 1929

Notes: This version of the "Midnight Waltz" was collected from the Kurtz family.

History: In 1984 Brad Tate and Dave de Hugard together recorded Stan Treacy playing two waltzes one after the other. The first waltz, untitled by Stan Treacy at that time, we now know to be 'The Mary Jane Waltz'.

Stan Treacy named the second waltz as the 'Midnight Waltz', but this was misunderstood by Brad, who thought the title applied to the first tune rather than the second tune. In consequence 'The Mary Jane Waltz' is misnamed as the 'Midnight Waltz' in his 1988 publication "Down and Outback". Stan Treacy's version of 'The Mary Jane Waltz', now correctly titled, is available elsewhere in this collection.