



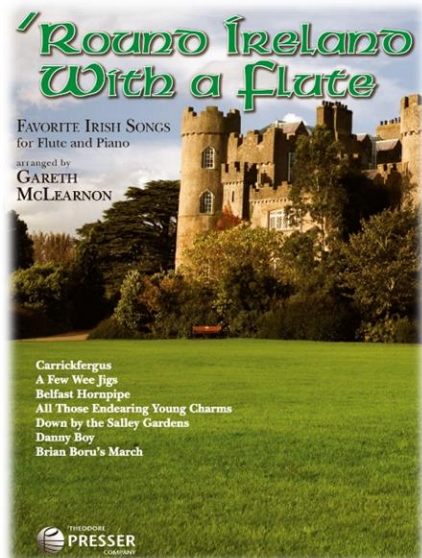
March on the Mind - Celtic/Irish Music and Springtime

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As the thick of winter sits a little too heavily on us Oregonians since Thanksgiving, we desperately look forward to spring and a fun holiday like St. Patrick's Day. A few weeks after St. Patrick's will be the [38th annual GPFS Flute Fair](#) with internationally acclaimed Gareth McLearnon. As most of you know by now, Gareth is originally from Belfast, Ireland. So, while Gareth is a classical player, we take advantage here of his Irish ancestry as a perfectly good excuse to talk a bit about Irish music for flute – of which he also plays. **A huge thank you to Carolyn Nussbaum Music Company for putting together the sweet little list of Irish and spring-themed music below.**

“Some Irish” from the GPFS 2022 Flute Fair Guest Artist, Gareth McLearnon



❖ *Sounds from Home*, cd on iTunes or Spotify: Enjoy familiar Irish tunes (performed very uniquely by Gareth) and some less familiar, such as *The All Knowing Salmon*, *Nooglesbifty*. This piece can also be found at [his YouTube link](#). Stick with the full 5'47". It is goose-bump inducing at the start, the tempo picks up as it goes and it ends with a jazzy effect.

❖ *Round Ireland with a Flute*, for flute and piano, arranged by Gareth: Learn more about this publication on his webpage where there is also a charming story about one of these arrangements and James Galway – [Round Ireland with a Flute](#). This collection of Gareth's is also available at Carolyn Nussbaum's Music Company.

❖ Also to be found on his website, are PDF versions of *To a Wild Rose*, for flute and piano, and *The Green Glen of Antrim*, for flute and piano.

Suggestions from Carolyn Nussbaum Music Company

A Selection of Celtic/Irish Pieces



- ❖ [Hamilton Harty: *In Ireland*, for flute and piano](#)
- ❖ [Catherine McMichael: *An Ceilteach Saotbar \(A Celtic Offering\)*, for flute choir](#)
- ❖ [World Music Celtic, for flute with play-along CD or piano accompaniment, arranged by Martin Tourish](#)
- ❖ [Anne McGinty: *99 Irish Dance Tunes*, for solo flute](#)
- ❖ [Florian Brambock: *Celtic Flute Duets*](#)
- ❖ [Roger Holtmann: *The Irish Flute*, for flute with piano accompaniment \(guitar chords included\)](#)

A Selection of Springtime Themed Pieces



- ❖ [Lauren Bernofsky: *Spring Song*, for flute and piano](#)
- ❖ [Phyllis Louke: *Une Chanson du Printemps \(A Song of Spring\)*, for flute choir](#)
- ❖ [Haydn: *Come, Lovely Spring*, for flute quartet and piano \(arr. Nora Kile\)](#)
- ❖ [Lili Boulanger: *D'un Matin de Printemps \(One Spring Morning\)*, for flute and piano](#)

Bits of Irish in the GPFS Free Music Lending Library

- ❖ *Recollections of Ireland*, for flute trio, by Jean Louis Tulou, Pyramid Music
- ❖ *The Galway Piper Irish Air*, for flute choir, by Mary J. Simpson, Pan Publications
- ❖ *The Irish Fluter*, for flute and piano (flute part only), by Fleming, Mayhew Publications
- ❖ *Irish Music for Flute & Harp* (flute and piano), arranged by Staneslow, Woods Music and Books
- ❖ *Favorite Celtic Melodies*, for two flutes, arranged by Sarah Watts, Mel Bay Publications



A “Find” from a Trip to Ireland

- ❖ (insert my favorite collection, the one with the cd)
- ❖ For those with the iTunes streaming music service, feel free to enjoy my curated, aptly named playlist of Irish Flute Music – simply search for “BJ’s Irish Flute Music Playlist.”
- ❖ **Happy St. Patrick’s Day.**

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