THE BALLAD OF ST. ANNE'S REEL

D D G D
HE WAS STRANDED IN SOME TINY TOWN ON FAIR PRINCE EDWARD ISLE
D D A A
A-WAITIN' FOR A SHIP TO COME AND FIND HIM.
G A
A ONE-HORSE PLACE, A FRIENDLY FACE,
D G D
SOME COFFEE AND A TINY TRACE OF FIDDLIN'
A D D
IN THE DISTANCE FAR BEHIND HIM

D D
A DIME ACROSS THE COUNTER THEN
G D
A SHY HELLO, A BRAND NEW FRIEND
D D A A
AND A WALK ALONG THE STREET IN THE WINTRY WEATHER
G A
A YELLOW LIGHT, AN OPEN DOOR
D G
AND A "WELCOME, FRIEND, THERE'S ROOM FOR MORE."
D A D
AND THEN THEY'RE STANDIN' THERE INSIDE TOGETHER
D A A
HE SAID, "I'VE HEARD THAT TUNE BEFORE SOMEWHERE
D D A A
BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN; WAS IT ON SOME OTHER FRIENDLY SHORE
G Bm D A
OR DID I HEAR IT ON THE WIND? WAS IT WRITTEN ON THE SKY ABOVE?
G D
I THINK I HEARD IT FROM SOMEONE I LOVED.
G A D
BUT I NEVER HEARD IT SOUND SO SWEET SINCE THEN

D, D, D, G, D, D, D, C - A7, D, D, Em, A7, D, D, Em, A7, D, D, D
D D G D
AND NOW HIS FEET BEGIN TO TAP; A LITTLE BOY SAYS, "I'LL TAKE YOUR HAT"
D D A A
HE'S CAUGHT UP IN THE MAGIC OF HER SMILE
G A D G
AND LEAP THE HEART INSIDE HIM WENT, AND OFF ACROSS THE FLOOR HE SENT
D A D
HIS CLUMSY BODY, GRACEFUL AS A CHILD.
D A A
HE SAID, "THERE'S MAGIC IN THE FIDDLER'S ARM
G D
AND THERE'S MAGIC IN THIS TOWN;
A A G Bm
THERE'S MAGIC IN THE DANCER'S FEET, AND THE WAY THEY PUT THEM DOWN."
D A G D
PEOPLE SMILING EVERYWHERE, BOOTS AND RIBBONS LOCKS OF HAIR
G A D D
LAUGHTER AND OLD BLUE SUITS, AND EASTER GOWNS.

D, D, D, G, D, D, D, C - A7, D, D, Em, A7, D, D, Em, A7, D, D, D

D, D, D, G, D, D, D
NOW THE SAILOR'S GONE, THE ROOM IS BARE THE OLD PIANO'S SETTIN' THERE
D D A A
AND SOMEONE'S HAT'S LEFT HANGIN' ON THE RACK
G A
AND EMPTY CHAIRS, THE WOODEN FLOOR
D G
THAT FEELS THE TOUCH OF SHOES NO MORE
D A D D
A-WAITIN' FOR THE DANCERS TO COME BACK
D A A G D
AND THE FIDDLE'S IN THE CLOSET OF SOME DAUGHTER OF THE TOWN
D A
THE STRINGS ARE BROKE, AND THE BOW IS GONE
G Bm
AND THE COVER'S BUTTONED DOWN
D A
BUT SOMETIMES ON DECEMBER NIGHTS
G D
WHEN THE AIR IS COLD AND THE WIND IS RIGHT
G A D D
THERE'S A MELODY THAT PASSES THROUGH THIS TOWN

D, D, D, G, D, D, D - A7, D, D, Em, A7, D, D, Em, A7, D, D, D