

IMDA October Tune of the Month by Amy Shaw

Here's a lovely slip jig from Catherine McEvoy, a wonderful flute player in the Sligo-Roscommon style. Although Catherine was born in Birmingham, England, she has deep roots in Co. Roscommon. Both her parents came from Strokestown in Roscommon, and she grew up listening to lots of musicians who had immigrated to Birmingham from that part of Ireland. The Birmingham Ceili Band, for instance, had a long line of great Roscommon flute players. During her teens, Catherine joined that band, and began appearing at ceilis and competitions all over England and Ireland. In her early twenties, she decided to move to Ireland, where she married Tom McGorman (also a flute player) and raised a family. She has a number of fine albums to her credit, some of them recorded with Felix Dolan on piano. (Felix is a local favorite since he came for this year's Minnesota Irish Music Weekend...wouldn't it be great to have Catherine here for a future MIM weekend?) An experienced teacher, Catherine has been an instructor at the Willie Clancy Summer School and other festivals.

This slip jig, which exists in two-part and three-part versions, has been widely recorded under various names. Catherine recorded it on a C flute; I have transcribed the tune in the more usual key.

Usual disclaimers: Any transcription errors are my own. The notation here is not meant to be a substitute for listening. It is simply an aid to learning the tune.

Follow Me Down to Limerick Kitty Come Down to Limerick

The image displays a musical score for a slip jig in G major and 3/8 time. The score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes marked with a tilde (~) to indicate grace notes. The piece concludes with a final note marked 'To finish'.

Rhythm: slip jig

Source: Catherine McEvoy (flute), *The Home Ruler* (Cló Iar-Chonnachta, 2008), track 5, tune 2