## So.....You want to be a bagpiper! What's next?

The McMurray Legion Pipes and Drums was formed under the leadership of PM Bill Coventry in 1975, and has a long proud history of teaching students of all ages, the art of Highland Bagpiping and Drumming.

The band is sponsored by Branch 165, Royal Canadian Legion, 9317 Huggard Street, Fort McMurray.

The lessons from our band teachers are always free of charge and all we expect from our students, is an honest effort to practice the rudiments, on their own time as well as at scheduled lesson times, to improve their skills. We meet Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM for chanter class, generally moving onto the pipes from 7:00 until 8:30

For the average student to get to the level of playing some tunes on the bagpipes, it usually takes one year, or less depending on how much time you put into it daily. A minimum commitment of 20 minutes per day is required. More will get you faster results! With few exceptions, piping is a skill, which can be learned, rather than a talent that one must be born with. Hard work, and dedication will usually win in the end!

#### You will need:

- 1. **A practice chanter.** Chanters are available at various Highland supply shops online, usually at \$50.00 and above. We will lend you one initially. The reed is fragile, and if damaged, will be about \$8.00 to replace. Be careful with it.
- 2. **A music book.** Your instructor will provide this for you. You will be expected to take good care of it, and have it with you at all scheduled practice sessions.
- 3. A willingness to learn and put in the required practice time.
- 4. As you advance along with the practice chanter, you will need a set of bagpipes. <u>Do</u> not purchase these without the advice of your instructor. There are a lot of unplayable, worthless bagpipes out there! The band has some sets of loaner bagpipes available. but eventually, you will need to purchase your own set of pipes.

#### **USEFUL WEBSITES**

http://www.legionpipeband.ca/
https://tartantown.com
http://www.kinnairdbagpipes.com/
A preferred vendor

http://www.aspd.ca/ Alberta's Piping/Drumming Association http://www3.telus.net/public/dougwick/ Bagpipe music writing/playing shareware.

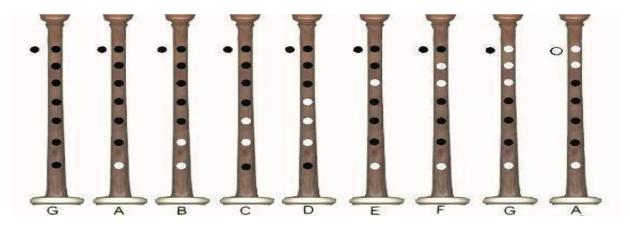
https://dojouniversity.com/ Online piping teaching resources
https://www.rhythm-monster.com/ Online Drumming teaching resources

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Fingering Diagram, Scales



#### Scale Exercises



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1 High A Doublings





3 F Doublings



4 E Doublings



5 D Doublings



б D Throws



7 C Doublings



8 B Doublings



9 Low A Doublings



10 Low G Doublings





Canon Johann Pachelbel









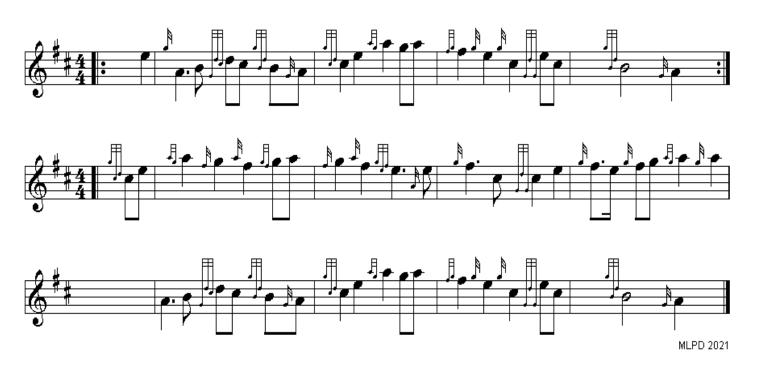












The Dawning of the Day

March

Traditional Irish





Slow Air U. Roever/M. Korb

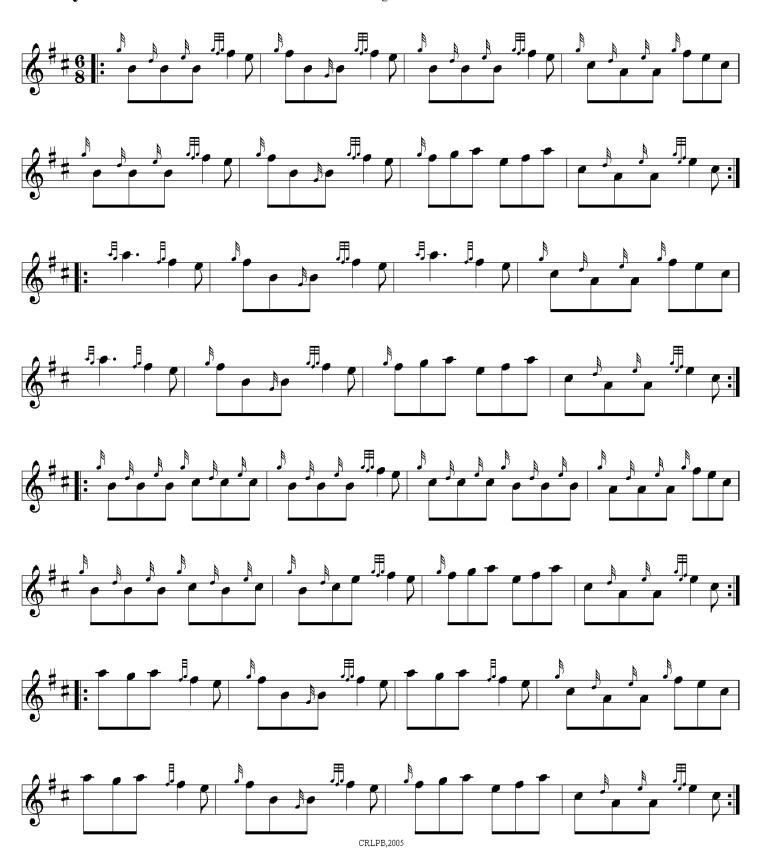




# **Paddy's Leather Breeches**

Jig

Trad.







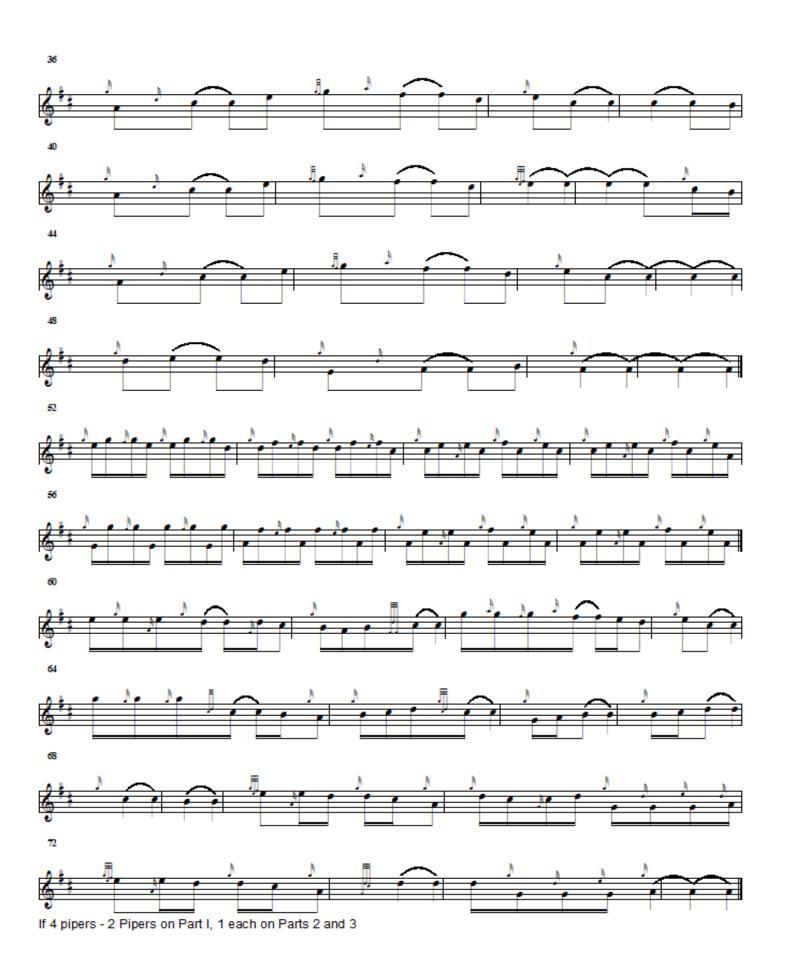




## Steam Train to Mallaig

## Mary-Ann MacKinnon



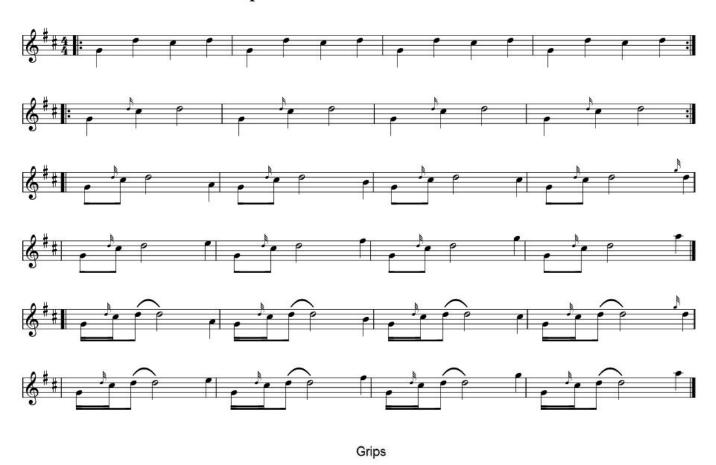


Exercise

# **Exploded G Birl Exercise**

T. Gatehouse





Exercise



March Trad.



## The Rowan Tree

### March

## Scots Guards II



Caber Feidh March

