

SOL'S TUNES

A collection of original reels, jigs, hornpipes, etc.

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Dedication

To the people who inspired so much of it:

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and Liz Carroll

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Reels

The Duck's Revenge

June 2002

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I believe this is the first reel I ever wrote. The name comes from my Uncle JC. He described a process where ducks lure retrievers out into the middle of the lake and then drown them: the duck's revenge.

For Stephanie Cornelius Corney Is Going

July 2002

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I wanted to practice writing tunes before I got to Brian Pickell's class at Goderich 2002, so I wrote this one. Stephanie Cornelius was moving to Germany immediately after Goderich that year, and was all excited to be learning the tune "Corney is Coming" because that was her old nickname. So I named this one after her leaving us for a while.

Can't Stop Corney

August 5th-7th, 2002

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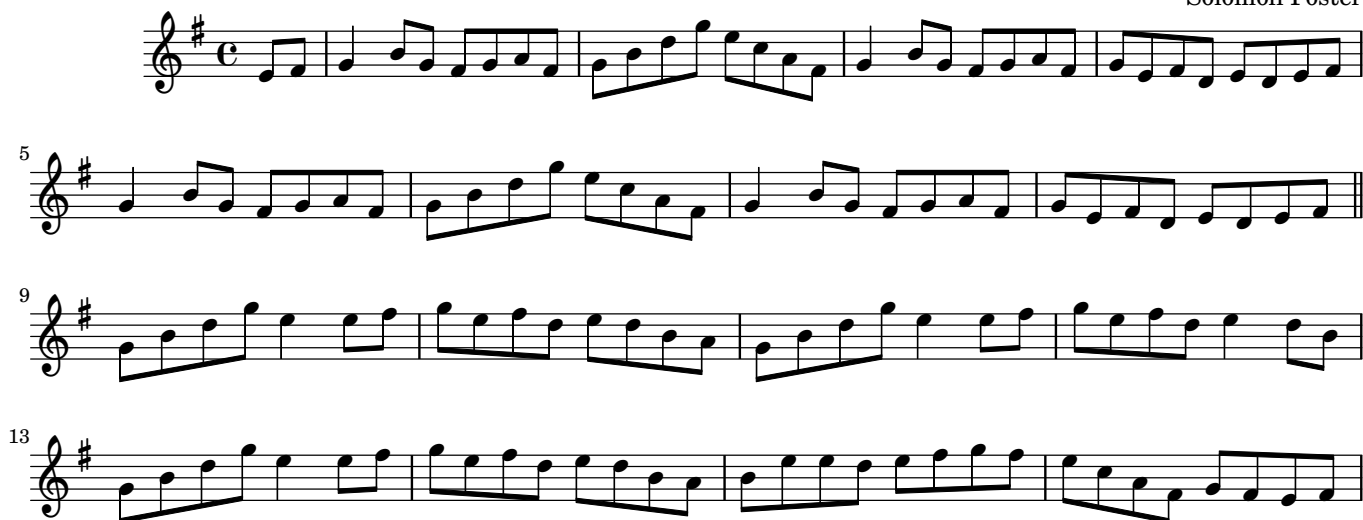
I wrote this tune in Brian Pickell's composition class at Goderich 2002. Literally -- he scattered us around the school each day to work on our tunes. This one was composed on the front lawn.

Since it was written for class, I wanted to do something a bit fancy -- change key. I knew of a bunch of tunes that went from minor to major, so I went from major to minor. Turns out that normal Western music encourages us to expect the shift to minor to be temporary, so this tune always wants to go around to the beginning again. That made me think of Stephanie Cornelius, who is usually so busy doing stuff that she seems an unstoppable force of nature.

The Three Smokestacks

Fall 2002 (Tweaked Winter 2006)

Solomon Foster



I don't actually remember the circumstances behind this tune, or when I wrote it, save that it came after "Phantom Wristband" and before "Thomas Scheer". The name refers to Jen's strange but somehow successful scheme for navigating us through Lansing to find a restaurant she'd been to once that had fish and chips: Drive south till you see the three smokestacks, then turn right.

Update: Right now (2019) this is the only one of my pre-"Platinum Ring" tunes I still play on a regular basis.

Thomas Scheer's Baptismal Reel

November 2002, tweaked August 18th, 2019

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This tune was written for the baptism ceremony of my maternal grandmother's first born great-grandchild. It was written and performed on my brand-new O'Riordan E flat Traveller.

Trivia point: a decent hunk of the tune was written while I waited for Jen to make it to my house through the game day crowd. (Obviously I should have come up with plan that didn't involve her driving through the highest congestion the state of Michigan ever sees, but then this might be a different tune!) It was the first time she ever went to a Michigan game. Thomas's Aunt Jo was down on the sidelines as Wisconsin's cheerleading coach.

Later that evening, Jen and I kissed for the first time.

A Hat for the Whales

July 2003

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Brian Pickell brought his band to the Saline Celtic Festival in July 2003. Worried that he might ask me if I'd written any tunes since the last time I'd seen him, I sat down and wrote this one. It was a bit of a struggle, but I'm pleased with it now.

This name also refers to the whale-watching tour. As we came back (about the same place we saw the three whales on the way out) a gust of wind took my hat right off my head and deposited it in the ocean. That's when I learned the importance of putting sunscreen on the top of my head even when I planned on wearing a hat.

Three in the Bay

July 2003

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Immediately after finishing “A Hat for the Whales” (and before that tune was named) I started writing this tune, doodling on the A whistle while watching freighters go by from my parents’ house on the St. Clair River. The tune just fell out of the whistle, much to my delight.

The name comes from the start of our whale-watching tour in Bay Bulls Newfoundland later that month. The tour was utterly amazing; there were lots of whales around, including a young whale who got curious about the boat and came over to visit. There were so many whales, in fact, that while the tour guide was telling us we wouldn’t see any until we got around the corner, I saw three whales blow in the distance. The tune sort of reminded me of “The Three Smokestacks” in its shape anyway, and the two ideas collided to become this tune name. It makes me think of

unexpected bounties.

Incidentally, I’m not sure what the proper name for the body of water we saw the early whales in. The main part of the tour was in Witless Bay, but this was the bit of water between O’Brien’s dock and Witless Bay. So this name may be subject to change.

A Mile to the Ship

July-August 2003

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I had wanted to write an F# minor reel for whistle for a while, and I started this while stuck in a traffic jam, then the traffic starting flowing and the tune got stuck. I finished it a month later, after our trip to Newfoundland. Jen suggested the name, which commemorates the distance we walked from our hotel to the Ship Inn -- a walk we had to make twice one night because she forgot her fiddle’s headrest.

After writing the “Pink Ribbon Reel”, I went back and added a bunch of pickup notes to this tune. It’s still an odd bird, though.

For Brenda Schupska 6/18/2004
The Pink Ribbon Reel
 June 2004

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One fine Saturday morning I taught myself the B part of the “Providence Reel” by listening over and over again to the Fred Finn/Peter Horan recording of it. When I had it down pat, I started fiddling around and promptly wrote the A part of this tune. As I realized at Goderich two months later, it actually starts with the same note sequence (but not rhythm) as tune that came after “Providence”, “Boys of Ballinahinch”. But it quickly turns into its own tune.

The tune is dedicated to my mother-in-law, Brenda Schupska, on the occasion of her birthday coinciding with the end of her radiation therapy. Jen came up with the name.

I’m very pleased with this tune -- I think it is the first reel I wrote that really feels like a traditional Irish tune. BTW, I wrote it using a B-flat whistle.

For Stephanie Cornelius
Corney Is Going Again
 July 2002 / July 2004

Solomon Foster



I was never quite happy with “Corney is Going” -- it didn’t sound anything like an Irish reel to me. So I tried to reframe the tune with more Irish-style phrases. And not so coincidentally, Stephanie was leaving us again, this time to move to Buffalo.

The Wayward Girls' Farewell to the Happy Hooker

August 2nd-20th, 2004

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This tune got its start in Liz Carroll's composition class at Goderich Celtic College 2004. The first day she assigned us to write something -- anything! -- as homework. So I wrote the first part of this tune sitting outside our motel room while the Girls practiced inside.

The name came next. We performed at the Celtic College Thursday night showcase under the name "Big Sol and His Wayward Girls". And the ladies decided their favorite restaurant in Goderich was Skipper's, in the strip mall next to our motel. Skipper's had a big drawing of a slightly nauseated looking fish labeled "Get Hooked!" outside, so naturally they started calling the place the "Happy Hooker". So when we sat there having our final meal on the way out of Goderich after a week of insane fun, this name popped into our heads.

May we all get the chance to eat there again some day.

Slow Road to East China

September 3rd, 2004

Solomon Foster



Another traffic jam tune. However, this was a much worse traffic jam than the one that spawned “A Mile to the Ship”, and I actually managed to write the entire tune while I sat on M-14. The first part was written on the Susato C that is always in my car, the second part on my Water Weasel Bb, which I got out from my backpack when I realized I was going to be sitting there a while. I started with the opening phrase of “Boys of the Lough” and “Sunny Banks” and then tried to go in a completely different direction.

The name, then, is a literal description of the circumstances of the tune’s birth, on the way to visit my parents in East China Township, Michigan. On the other hand, it’s a happy little tune, so perhaps it will find another name. Steph suggests playing it with a pair of tunes called Charlie Harris’s in Toronto, BTW. I’ve got to work on learning them...

Better Than Nothing, I Suppose

January 18th and 19th, 2005, tweaked through March 2nd, 2005

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Came up A part while sitting in the car waiting for Jen to finish work. This was an attempt to write a tune that might sound good on concertina. Not that I approached that in a scientific manner. Nor have I gotten any feedback from actual concertina players.

It didn’t turn out to be the “big” tune I was hoping for when I started, but it strikes me as a very happy little tune. Note that I’ve written out four different endings for the parts, two going high and two going low. In practice, I tend to mix and match these on the fly, with no set pattern, and occasionally I play the first version going to low G with the last couple of notes up an octave so it goes to high G. Does that make any sense? With any luck the recording makes it all clear.

Percy on the Table

May 2005

Solomon Foster



Another tune started while sitting in the car waiting for Jen to finish up at work. (Don't get the idea that I usually pick her up; it's just seemed that lately every time I do, I start a new tune.) On a whim, I was looking for a tune which might go with the name "Up and Down Lady Liberty" (a reference to a great game run by Arref Mak). In some alternate universe, that is the name for this tune.

Percy is our new kitten, who isn't yet clear on the notion he's not supposed to climb on the kitchen table. Right now (at least, as I write this) our house is a constant battle of him climbing up and us putting him back on the floor. Luckily he's very good-natured about the entire process.

Miss Peterson's Defense

October 2005

Solomon Foster



It certainly seems like sitting in the car is a fruitful environment for me these days. Think I started this one waiting for a particularly long light on the way to Ypsilanti. And in turn, I seem to have subconsciously borrowed some ideas from an aborted tune I started while stuck in stop-and-go traffic on my way to Ypsilanti two weeks before that.

The tune is named in honor of Emily Peterson's PhD thesis defense, which Jen, Brian, and I went to see early this year. Yes, not only is she a sterling concertina player -- she now has her PhD in physics. Way to go, Emily!

Chan's Reel

March 2006

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Written over a week or so, mostly while sitting at my desk, probably when I should have been working. Not much to say about the A part of this one. The B part start with a measure that makes me think of three or four different reels I think of as Sligo tunes, then quotes “Boys of the Lough” ala Peter Horan in the second measure, and then recaps the first two measures of the A part. I like that a lot. I was less happy with the remainder of the B part, but then Steph suggested a lovely little twist on it. She also brought me the name -- she asked her young nephew Chandler what it should be called, and he said “Chan’s Reel”, and so it is.

The Dublin' Reel

December 2007 to January 2008

Solomon Foster

Something doubled, and I was happy about it.

For Henry Moore Foster 1/2009
The Raptor In The Cradle
 January 2009

Solomon Foster



Henry sometimes makes the most amazing vocal noises when he's lying in his crib.

The Star of Rakudo
 July 29th, 2010

Solomon Foster



Celebrating the first release of the Perl 6 "Rakudo Star" package.

The Flowers of Midland
 2013

Solomon Foster



Since I had a tune named for Bay City, I figured I needed one for the place I actually live now. Suzanne Camino suggested "The Green Fields of Midland", but when I think of Midland, I don't think of green fields. I think of flowers, both planted along the major roads in summer and in the lovely Dow Gardens.

The Chemical Banks

August 2014

Solomon Foster



A while back when I was trying to think up local names for tunes, I thought of naming one "The Tittabawassee Banks". But then I thought of how Dow Chemical is located on the Tittabawassee, and the Chemical Bank is a local chain, and the play on words / tune titles was irresistible.

For Mark McKnight They Sailed From Belfast

May 2015

Solomon Foster



As a benefit for the Great Lakes Gathering, they auctioned off writing a new tune. Mark McKnight won the auction, and when we discussed what I would write, he didn't have any direct ideas, but instead discussed his family's history.

The part that really caught my attention was that in the 19th century, the entire extended family had pooled their resources so that one couple could immigrate to America. But he also specified that his family was too happy for a sad song. Combining all those notions lead to this driven little reel.

For Sarah Wishnevsky and Scott Lynch, 10/8/2016

Scott and the Bear

September 2016

Solomon Foster



Sarah Wishnevsky has been a dear friend of mine for two decades now. This reel, in the spirit of Emile Benoit's "Happiness Reel" and "Diane's Happiness", celebrates her marriage to Scott Lynch. May it be long and full of joy!

Jen suggested the title as a sort of homage to another Emile Benoit reel, "Wayne and the Bear." "Bear" is Sarah's long time nickname and pen name.

New Reel 2018 0530

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The Catnip Reel

October 12th-13th, 2021

Solomon Foster



While chatting with Liz Carroll, I realized I hadn't written a reel since "Scott and the Bear" in 2016. (Update: I later found a new reel I'd written in 2018, transcribed to ABC, and then utterly forgotten.) I mentioned this to her and she promptly told me I had to write a reel. Fair enough! Took me two months to get around to it, but I'm happy enough with it. Jen, Steph, and I brainstormed names for a few days, looking for something that fit my perception that the tune was driving, somewhat obsessive, and a little bit darkish. Then we got a fresh load of home-dried catnip for Chessie...

Hwæt!

June 2022

Solomon Foster



Another Liz challenge, this one was to write a tune using just the A and E strings. As usual, I mapped that onto the whistle, and it made me think of those old reels, maybe from Scotland originally, that sit on the highland pipes, ranging from G up to high A. To keep within the constraints of the challenge, I changed that to A up to high B, but you can work around the B if you'd really like to play it on highland pipes.

The Tide Returns

April 27th, 2024

Solomon Foster



New reel, started during CSE Cooney and Carlos Hernandez's 2024 0427 Infernal Salon and finished maybe an hour after. Cards drawn were "Give the tide your sacrifice. What will the tide return?" and "Shields only delay the inevitable." I tried to capture that in the structure of the tune. (Tweaked some over the ensuing two months.)

A Shortage of Spoons

November 6th, 2024

Solomon Foster



I had a shortage of spoons, and slowly pulled this out of the accordion and flute.

Jigs

For Jennifer Foster, 1/3/2004

The Platinum Ring

December 2003, fifth part February 2004

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I thought a tune would be a good wedding present for my bride, so I set out to write this tune in secret the month before the wedding. It was hard -- I spent enough time working on it that it was the first tune that popped into my fingers when I picked up a whistle, and more than once I played a bar or two before I realized what I was doing.

I then printed up a bunch of copies of the tune and got Jen's maid of honor, Susan Wittstock, to distribute them to the musicians at the wedding reception. Once the session was going in full swing upstairs, I ran through it a couple of times with Jim Perkins so he could work out chords. We dragged Jen to join the other musicians, and premiered it for her, with most of the musicians sight-reading.

Shortly after the wedding, I tried to write a tune which could follow this one in a set, to be called "The Bride with the Banjo". I composed an A part for it, liked it -- and then realized it was just a fifth part to "The Platinum Ring". If you'd like the authentic Jen and Sol wedding reception version, just leave off the fifth part.

Phantom Wristband

August 2002

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The musical score for 'Phantom Wristband' is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a time signature of 6/8. The piece consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing a fermata. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a time signature of 6/8. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The fourth staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots. The fifth staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a time signature of 6/8. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The sixth staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

You know that feeling you get when you wear a wristband for a week, and then take it off? For hours, it still feels like it is there. Well, riding home from Goderich with Brock, I came up with the phrase “phantom wristband” to describe this, and immediately we said, hey, tune name. (We were making a list at the time.)

So this tune is an attempt to capture a piece of the Goderich experience -- how it just flares up, and there is this amazing week, and then you go back to your normal life. That’s why the little major section in the middle does not repeat.

For Fred Duffy and the Saphs, 7/26/2004

The Hounds Come Home

July 26th, 2004

Solomon Foster

The musical score for 'The Hounds Come Home' is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a time signature of 6/8. The piece consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a time signature of 6/8. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The fourth staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots. There are first and second endings marked with '1.' and '2.' respectively.

I learned the hard way that my wedding ring was slightly too big, and would easily slip off my finger if the finger was greasy from sunscreen. Thus my ring spent 28 hours at the bottom of the St. Clair River, until it was rescued by SCUBA diver Fred Duffy. He spent an hour in the water looking for it, and only asked for a bottle of rum for his invaluable service. So he got a tune, too.

The name Jen came up with for it refers to three Irish wolfhounds in the knotwork on the ring. AKA “Is He A Big Man?”, the question that Mr. Duffy asked when he returned to shore after finding the size thirteen-and-a-half ring.

For Tali Foster, 199?-2009

Tali Foster's

November 2009

Solomon Foster



Tali was a great dog, always gentle with Percy and Henry while brimming over with enthusiasm at the prospect of a walk or a swim. Her sudden death from cancer on November 2nd was a horrible shock. I toyed briefly with the notion of writing a lament, but then concluded that such a happy dog deserved to be remembered with a happy tune.

The Road to Bay City

2011

Solomon Foster



One day at the Bay City session, Kathy Morris complained that there were all these tunes about roads to places like Sligo and Dublin and Birmingham, but none about Bay City. Since I have to take the road to Bay City to get to the session, I decided to fix that problem.

It Won't Come Back Again

February 18th, 2019

Solomon Foster

Musical score for 'It Won't Come Back Again' in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in a single line. The second staff starts at measure 5. The third staff starts at measure 9. The fourth staff starts at measure 13. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

One day when I was feeling pretty miserable I spent twenty minutes writing this when I should have been working.
At the end of the week, feeling pretty low again, I named it from a line in Ron Hynes' "1962".

Phantom Wristband (Revised 2019)

Solomon Foster

Musical score for 'Phantom Wristband (Revised 2019)' in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of six staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in a single line. The second staff starts at measure 5. The third staff starts at measure 9. The fourth staff starts at measure 13. The fifth staff starts at measure 17. The sixth staff starts at measure 21. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

For Regina Cobean
The Bloody Finger
 February 25th, 2020

Solomon Foster



Fiddler Regina Cobean (formerly of Midland) cut the tip of her first finger three weeks before St Patrick's day. Chuck Boody suggested "The Bloody Finger" would be a good tune name, and I wrote this jig that never uses any of the fiddle's first finger notes to go with it.

H²'s Five Touchdowns
 November 2021

Solomon Foster



Occasionally Liz Carroll issues composing challenges on her Patreon. I believe this one was to write a tune using only first position on the D string. I translated that to writing a whistle tune with only the first five notes: D, E, F, G, A.

When I had it done, I decided it sat better in A instead of D, and transposed it accordingly.

Because of the limitation, I was looking for a name with "Five" in the title. Conveniently, Hassan Haskins scored five touchdowns against Ohio State that week, and I had a name!

For Sarah Wishnevsky Lynch, January 2022

Medusa's Cradle

January 2022

Solomon Foster



For Sarah Wishnevsky Lynch, in celebration for coming through tough times.

The Storm Has Broken

April 2022

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Wanted a happy jig.

Honey Pup

March 3rd-13th, 2023

Solomon Foster

5

13

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I wrote this in a five minute traffic stop on I-75 on the way to Milford, Ohio. It's named for my mother's elderly golden retriever, who at the end of that trip came back with me on a "Michigan vacation" which is actually more of a "Michigan retirement". (RIP Honey.)

The Bent Fork

January 8th, 2024

Solomon Foster

5

13

Another Liz Carroll composition challenge, this one was to write one in D minor / dorian. I wrote it on my C#/D so I could actually grapple with how different it felt to play than playing in, say, E dorian. The process was fun, the result seems satisfying, but I find it rather hard to play!

As for the name, Jen says we have a bent fork in our silverware...

Digging Out

December 9th, 2024, tweaks through January 27th, 2025

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13

18

'Tis the season for digging out.

Big thanks to Shannon Heaton and Liz Carroll for advice on improving this.

Hornpipes

Bilberry Blossom

November 2006

Solomon Foster



This is the first hornpipe I ever tried to write. One night Gerry cooked us all an elegant pancake and fruit dinner, and Peter took one look at the lovely blueberries and said “Bilberries!” We were all charmed by this, and only when I thought of naming a tune after it did I discover that bilberries are a very real cousin of the blueberry. Apparently they grow in South Sligo.

Two Weeks To Wait

June 2007

Solomon Foster



I think part of my motivation to write this was that every single hornpipe I’ve learned in the last few years was in a major key. This is a nice little E Dorian tune. Or is it E minor? The only Cs are passing tones; I think I always play them as C-sharps.

This version has been slightly souped-up in consultation with Shannon Heaton.

For Nellie Schrantz and Scott Osantowski, 7/28/2018
Mr. and Mrs. Osantowski of Saginaw
 July 2018

Solomon Foster



We've known Nellie since she was an Irish dancing preteen. She learned to fiddle, went off to college, and finally ended up in Saginaw teaching orchestra. Now she teaches our boy fiddle! May she and Scott have a long, happy marriage!

PS This hornpipe was the first tune I wrote on the accordion instead of whistle.

Misc

All The Way To Milford

June 28th, 2019

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My mother grew up in Milford, Ohio but our family moved to Michigan (my father's home) when I was two years old. My father died in 2016, and in summer 2019 Mom moved back to Milford, positioning herself within twenty minutes of all of her surviving siblings, some of her nephews, and their kids as well. It makes perfect sense for her, but it's hard on us to have her three hours further away.

Meanwhile one of those relatives she now lives closer to, Kaki Scheer, tweeted that a "group of [Cincinnati] Country Day students walked ALL the way to Milford and back!" And I instantly thought "All The Way To Milford" was a tune title, especially given Mom's move. The next day I wrote this, the first real slide I've tried for.

For Jennifer Schupska, 12/2002

Most of a BBQ Pork Bun

December 2002

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So there we were, working at the Ark, and then I somehow convinced Jen to run to the bakery and get me a BBQ pork bun. Except I didn't get the whole bun, but the bun minus a good-sized bite. So this tune name occurred to me. I was thinking of those crooked Newfoundland tunes when I wrote this jig, so I made it match the title by leaving out a beat in each part. Of course, that's not how those Rufus-style "doubles" work at all. Guess I'll have to try my hand writing one of those some other time.

For Emilia Bartellas
The Bartellas Peak
 February 7th, 2020

Solomon Foster



Allan Farrell has a terrific website called NLTrad with lots of the tunes played around the St. John's sessions. Brilliant fiddler Emilia Bartellas promoted it on her social media, leading to a huge overnight boost in Allan's web traffic, which he dubbed "The Bartellas Peak". JC Clarke responded that that sounded like a tune name, and Emilia replied that it had better be crooked, and a few hours later, wrapped around picking H up from school and feeding him dinner, I had this crooked double.

For Dave, October 22nd, 2023
Get Well Dave Penny
 October 22nd, 2023

Solomon Foster



Dave Penny is a great guy who is going through a rough patch of health, and I wanted to wish him well! Another tune written on my C #/D, my goal was to write a double in A that could be played on a one row button accordion in D. It may have come out more slide-y than double-y?

For Jennifer Schupska, 2/14/2003

February Morning

February 13th, 2003

Solomon Foster

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I wrote this tune as present for Jen on our first Valentine's Day together. I like it well enough, but it was the first waltz I wrote, and I'm afraid it shows that I didn't play many waltzes at the time, and that one that I'd heard a lot was Brian Pickell's great "Sourgrass and Granite".

For Emily Peterson and Dirk Tiede, 9/1/2007

Waltz for Emily and Dirk

August 2007

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Musical score for 'Waltz for Emily and Dirk' in 3/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of eight staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over the notes). The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. Measure numbers 5, 9, 13, 22, 26, and 31 are indicated at the start of their respective staves.

In honor of Dirk and Emily's wedding, 9/1/2007.

Bivalent Boost

September 28th-30th, 2022

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Musical score for 'Bivalent Boost' in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). The score consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. Measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 are indicated at the start of their respective staves.

Liz challenged us to write a tune in Bb. I decided to avoid the trival route of just writing it on a Bb or F whistle. That meant I had to teach myself how to play in Bb on my C #/D accordion, which I did as I was writing the tune. I also chose low A as the second note so it wouldn't be natural to play on the Bb whistle. Other than that entire thing is built around what I found comfortable to play on C #/D.

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