

THE BOTTLE OF BRANDY

Allen Ash Manuscript - Ca. 1850

The musical score is written in 6/8 time and consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. Above the first staff, the chords C, Am, Dm, F, and C are indicated. The second staff starts at measure 6 and includes a repeat sign. Above it, the chords Am, F, C, C, Am, and Dm are indicated. The third staff starts at measure 12 and ends with a double bar line. Above it, the chords F, G, C, Am, F, and C are indicated.

This jig appears in more early books, under more different names than any other tune in the Ash manuscript. (in which it was untitled) It can be found in O'Neill's and other Irish collections as "Daniel of The Sun" or "Thady You Gander". In Ryan's Mammoth Collection and Coles it is "The Bottle of Brandy". In 19th century minstrel banjo books it goes as "Bully For You" or "Bully For All". It is often written out in the keys of D or G. Suggested chords by Ian Bell.