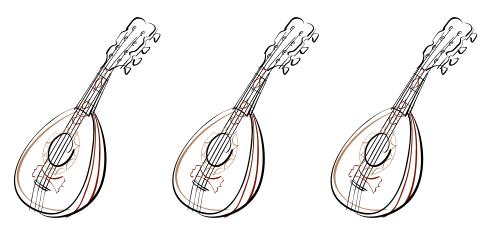
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Traditional and Original Tunes for 3 Mandolins with Chords Arranged and composed by Evelyn Tiffany-Castiglioni

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Waltz in A Minor

Astrid's Waltz (Astridin Valsii)



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Blessed Be That Maid Marie

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Reel in D Minor

Chilly Winds



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Air in G Minor

Coventry Carol

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Traditional English Carol





Creag Ghuanach



Carol in D Major

El Desembre Congelat



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El Noi de La Mare



Carol in G Major

Es Wird Scho Glei Dumpa



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in DM/Bm



Hornpipe or Schottische in

Humours of Sinbad

G Major and D Major



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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



Jig in G Major

New Years Day (Yorkshire)



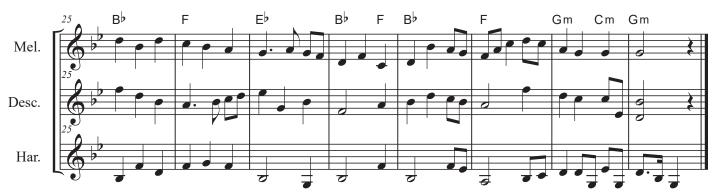
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On a Cold Winter's Day









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The Queen's Marsh



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Hornpipe in D Major

The Smoky Chimney



Air in A Minor The Traveler Benighted in Snow



About the Tunes

This collection is my fifth folio of mostly traditional tunes to play during the winter season, that is, from the perspective of a mandolinist in the Northern hemisphere. The first four collections are freely available on the Mandolin Café website. The tunes were selected for their tunefulness, wintriness, and relevant titles. I have arranged them especially for mandolins for my practice group, "Plucked Pairs," though they can be played on most C instruments. Key signatures have been changed to mandolin-friendly keys in some cases. Each arrangement consists of a melody line, descant line (harmony generally within or higher than the melody), and harmony line (generally lower than the melody), as well as chords for guitar or accordion. "The Humors of Sinbad" appears in *Evelyn's Big Book of Mandolin Trios, Volume 3* and "The Queen's Marsh" is in *Evelyn's Big Book for Mandolins for 2015*. The remaining arrangements are published here for the first time.

"Astrid's Waltz [Astridin Valsii]" is a cozy traditional Swedish waltz. Three online sources for the notation are Karen Myer's Blue Rose Scandanavian Folk Music website (Tune No. 1095 as Astridin Valsii; at https://bluerose.karenlmyers.org/wp/), Bert Van Vreckem's abc tune book (Tune No. 6 as Astridin Vals); https://trillian.mit.edu/~jc/music/abc/mirror/flanders.blackmill.net/folk-dances.abc), and Michel Van Der Meiren's site (https://www.tangosite.com/concertina/.../astridin-vals). Martin Jonas recorded a trio arrangement on Mandolin Café: https://www.mandolincafe.com/forum/threads/112890-Astridin-Valssi-(Swedish-waltz)?p=1366299&viewfull=1#post1366299.

"Blessed Be that Maid Marie" is an ancient English Christmas Carol from William Ballet's Lute Book (c. 1600) that was modernized and harmonized by the Irish composer Dr. Charles Wood Dr. Charles Wood (1866-1926) and published in Woodard (Carol No. 2, p. 4). I have raised the pitch by a fourth and altered the voicing of the harmonies slightly for three mandolins. Here are the lyrics of the first verse and refrain:

Blessed be that Maid Marie; Born He was of her body; Very God ere time began, Born in time the Son of man. Refrain: Eya! Jesus hodie Natus est de Virgine.

"Chilly Winds" is a reel and Old-Time American breakdown from The Round Cambridge University English Country Dance Club (Reel Set R3 1.1, https://round.soc.srcf.net/band). A fiddle recording is available at Tim Brooks' website: Brooks' website: Barebones Old-Time Fiddle Tunes (https://www.oldtimetim.com/media/chillywinds.mp3). Mr. Brooks states on his website that: "Chilly Winds was taught to me by the late Mick Brooks when the Haddenham Hoofers were rehearsing a new routine taught to them by Julie Young from Minnesota... The Hoofers band have been debating the name of the tune for some time, but I think that discussion has been put to rest on hearing the song on a great CD by Karl Jones and Beverley Smith which is clearly close to this melody, and refers to Chilly Winds in the lyric." This tune is distinct from several bluegrass songs and clawhammer banjo tunes by the same name.

"Coventry Carol" is a trio arrangement of a poignant 16th century English Christmas carol which laments Herod's slaughter of the innocents. I previously published a solo arrangement of this piece in Tiffany-Castiglioni 2015 (pp. 36-37).

"Craig Ghuanach [Guanach]" is a melody from an old Scottish air and epic poem 'Oran na Comhachaig [Song of the Owl]'. The music was used in the 1930's by Sir Hugh S. Roberton (1874–1952) for the "Mingulay Boat Song." My source for the notation is Coisir a Mho d (p. 40), with harmony by M. H. Murray. The harmony was composed in the late 1800's for Gaelic part-singing competitions, and I have used much of it in this arrangement, though I altered the voicings for mandolin. This collection of Gaelic songs was published for the organization An Comunn Gàidhealach, which was founded in

1891 to support the teaching, learning and use of the Gaelic language and the study and cultivation of Gaelic literature, history, music. Provincial mods and the 2019 Royal National Mod competition for Gaelic singing take place in Scotland yearly. The sheet music gives three verses of the song in Gaelic with the note: "The verses are from 'Oran na Comhachaig' a poem by D. M'Donald [Dòmhnall mac Fhionnlaigh nan Dàn], one of the old hunter bards of Lochnaber. He lived about 1550." Creag Ghuanach is small craggy hill near Loch Treig. The piece should be played slowly and with a steady rhythm.

"El Desembre Congelat [Icy December]" a.k.a. "Cold December's Winds Were Stilled" is a traditional Catalan carol. Two print sources are Ehret and Evans (pp. 266-267) and Keyte, Parrott, and Bartlett (p. 646). Here are the lyrics of the first verse and the refrain with an English version:

El desembre congelat Cold December's winds were stilled

Confús es retira. In the month of snowing.

Abril, de flors coronat,
Tot el món admira,
Quan en un jardí d'amor
Springtime's Hope was growing;
Then one rose-tree blossomed new,

Neix una divina flor One sweet Flower on it grew.

D'una ro, ro, ro,
D'una sa, sa, sa,
D'una ro,
D'una sa,
D'una sa,
D'una sa,
D'una rosa bella,

- "El Noi de la Mare [The Child of the Mother]" is a particularly lovely Christmas carol from the Catalonian region of Spain (Hidalgo Montoya, p. 87). One English version that I remember singing begins "What shall we give to the Child in the manger?"
- "Es Wird Scho Glei Dumpa [It will soon be dark]" is an Austrian carol sometimes considered traditional and sometimes credited to Anton Reidinger. I first heard this tender lullaby to the Christ Child on a recording by the original Trapp Family Singers (The Sound of Christmas: The Trapp Family Singers, Delta music, Inc., 1992, recorded in 1952). A print source of the tune is Ehret and Evan (pp. 266-267). (p. 9). I have not been able to locate the original source. However, an image of the song published in 1894 by is given on this website: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Es_wird_scho_glei_dumpa, together with this information about the book from which it was reproduced: Anton Reidinger: Krippllied. In: Sigmund Fellöcker (Hrsg.): Kripplgsangl und Kripplspiel in der oberösterreichischen Volksmundart. Band 5. Haslinger, Linz 1884, S. 1 f. Anton Reidinger (1839-1912) was an Austrian Catholic priest and dialect poet, who may have also composed the tune. I used the harmony part from this 1884 version in my arrangement. Here are the lyrics of the first verse and the refrain in Austrian dialect with an English translation.

Es wird scho glei dumpa, It will soon be dark, es wird scho glei Nacht, It's almost night;

Drum kim i zu dir her, That's why {Guanch come to you,

mei Heiland auf d'Wacht.

Will singen a Liadl,
dem Liebling dem kloan
Du magst ja net schlafn,
i hör die nur woan.
Hei, hei, hei, hei!

Schlaf siaß, herzliabes Kind!

My Savior who's awake.
I will sing a little song
To the dear little one,
You do not like to sleep,
i just hear your cry.
Hush-a-bye, hush-a-bye,
Sleep sweetly, dearest Child!

- "The Geese in the Bog" is one of several Irish jigs by this title. This version is from County Clare and appears in Stanford/Petrie (No. 940, p. 239). with the source given as F. Keane. According to the Irish ornithologist Richard J. Ussher (pp. 32-33), several species of geese winter in bogs in Ireland, including the grey lag-goose, white-fronted goose, and bean goose (or at least they did a century ago). Geese also winter behind my house, though in a pond, rather than a bog. This is a lovely jig for mandolins. This version reverses the A and B parts of a more common version found Cole (p. 77), Kerr (Vol. 1, No. 46, p. 40), O'Neill 1903 (No. 1085, p. 204), O'Neill 1907 (No. 279, p. 61), and Ryan (p. 110), and also has slight melodic differences that I find more tuneful.
- "The Humours of Sinbad" is a hornpipe or schottische I wrote in February 2018. Sinbad is a cat. He loves to listen to my mandolin group when we practice. Though the tune is notated with pairs of eighth notes, it should be played with a swing rhythm, the first eighth note receiving about 2/3 of the beat and the second 1/3.
- "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" a.k.a. "Es ist ein Ros entsprungen" is an Advent hymn of German origin. The melody was harmonized in 1609 by the master German composer Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) in Musae Sioniae (6. Theil (No.53). Theodore Baker's English lyrics, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," were written in 1894 and appear in many Christian hymnals. The score I used as my source for this arrangement was edited by Atkins (1869-1953). The first stanza in German and Baker's English version are:

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen, aus einer Wurzel zart, wie uns die Alten sungen, von Jesse kam die Art Und hat ein Blümlein bracht mitten im kalten Winter, wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, From tender stem hath sprung. Of Jesse's lineage coming, As men of old have sung; It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

- "New Year's Day [Yorkshire]" is an English jig from an anonymous late 18th century music manuscript in the Vaughan William Memorial Library. A transcription is provided by The Village Music Project (http://www.village-music-project.org.uk/abc/Vwml_anon_1.abc). Several different jigs bearing the same title appear in a number of English, Irish, and Scottish manuscripts and collections. Hence, I have designated this one Yorkshire, which is its place of origin.
- "On A Cold Winter's Day [Air La Fuar Geimread]" is an Irish air from O'Neill 1903 (No. 616, p. 109). I have given the tune twice in this arrangement with different harmonies and descants. Even as I write the cold wind is howling outside and rattling the doors. It is dark too early and it is nippy (OK only 34 F, but that's pretty cold for Central Texas).
- "The Queen's Marsh (*Morfa'r Frenhines*)" is a wintry-sounding Welsh air included in Bennett (Vol. 1, p. 1). Bennett's version is irregular with 15 bars in part A and 16 bars in part B. I have added one bar to part A. I previously published this arrangement in Tiffany-Castiglioni 2015 (p. 117).
- "The Smoky Chimney" is a fine hornpipe from O'Neill 1903 (No. 1635, p. 304). It also appears as a reel entitled "Ivy Leaf" credited to Zeke Backus in Cole (p. 45) and Ryan (p. 73).
- "The Traveller Benighted in Snow [Siubhal an t-sneachd tra oidhche]" is an ancient Gaelic air in 9/8 time from Fraser (No. 10, p. 4, with melody and bass line in Cm, marked "Moderate"). Fraser's note to the tune (p. 101) says, "The traveller, benighted in snow, was most pathetically described in Gaelic words, repeated by the editor's father, -- and the air conveys a feeling which the mind readily associates with such a bewildering occurrence, --nay, even with his having perished there." The melody is also given identically in Mason (p. 93, marked "Pathetically"). I have changed the key to Am and raised the last 4 notes one octave for mandolin in order to allow more ringing of open strings.

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