

Introduction.

Here is another selection of my dances, with, I hope, something for everyone, ranging from the 'not-too-difficult, to the 'easier-than-they-look'.

I have taken the opportunity this time to include some of the dances I have made up to other tunes.

The tunes "Sweet Richard" and "Haste to the Wedding" have always fascinated me, and I make no apology for having been tempted, like others, to set movements to them.

I had the idea for "Lavender's Blue" when I heard a lovely recording of this old nursery rhyme played by musicians led by Nan Fleming-Williams. It had no dance associated with it, and the opportunity seemed too good to miss.

For the dance "Denis's Delight", the obvious choice was the tune "The Arkansas Traveller". Why? Ask Denis.

I named the dance "Terpsichore" after the collection of dance music by Praetorius, from which I have used one of the irresistible bourrees. (Incidentally, the tune for the dance "Parson's Farewell" appears in the same collection.)

The tune for "Cat's Cradle" was presented to me by my friend and collaborator, the brilliant accordionist, Peter Jenkins.

The other tunes in the collection are my own responsibility.

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