

Reel

# The Trip to Nenagh

Sean Ryan

D C D D min

C D C

1. 2.

D G A min D

E min C D C G

A A<sup>7</sup> D

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*The Trip to Nenagh is sometimes called 'An Moinfheir' or 'The Meadow'. The tune was composed by Tipperary fiddler Sean Ryan and named in honour of the town of his birth. Sean composed over 250 tunes including 'The Reel of Rio' and his tunes are often played at sessions and on recordings. He died in 1985 or as they sometimes say in Ireland, "He was called to eternity."*

*Sean worked as a farmer and Paddy O'Brien recalls that Sean would, "Abandon horses in the field where he'd be plowing. He'd think of a tune and he'd run into the house, forget about the horses. Later on he'd go back in the field and the place would be a mess, the horses rambling around dragging the plow behind them." He was invited to play in America and played a lot around New York. His wife Kathleen said, "He wasn't too much in love with the stage at all. He preferred really to play at home, at night. He hated playing any place there was noise-like a pub. He felt that if he was playing music that people should listen."*

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