

Off to California (Chords)

Hornpipe

Ireland Traditional

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) followed by a repeat sign. The second staff continues the melody with chords G, E min, A min, E min, G, and D. The third staff features a first ending (1.) with chords D and G, and a second ending (2.) with chords D and G. The fourth staff continues with chords G, B min, C, D, G, and E min. The fifth staff has chords A min, E min, G, D, G, and C. The sixth staff concludes with a first ending (1.) with chords D and G, and a second ending (2.) with chords D and G. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Off to California is in the O'Neill Collection published in 1903 in Chicago USA. Although originally an Irish tune, this hornpipe appeared in English and American sheet music collections. It was published in c.1847 in the Plain Brown Tune Book manuscript from a musician from Lancashire, Ellis Knowles.