

# The Swaggering Jig

Slip Jig

Traditional Ireland

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 8/8 time. It consists of five staves. The first four staves contain the main melody, which is a slip jig. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 8/8. The melody is written in a single line with a repeat sign after the first measure. The second and third staves continue the melody with various note values and rests. The fourth staff concludes the first ending with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The fifth staff is a separate line of music, labeled '1.' and '2.', which appears to be a variation or a second ending of the melody.

The Swaggering Jig was mis-named as "Give Us a Drink of Water" on the 1975 Bothy Band album. The melody appears in the 1903 O'Neill's Collection. The tune is used for the traditional song below. Bellaghy is a village in Derry County Nth.Ireland.

I went to the fair at Bellaghy, I bought a wee swag of a pig  
I gathered it up in my arms and danced the Swaggering Jig  
And it's high to the top of the heather and high to the butt of the sprig  
And high to the bonny wee lassie who danced the Swaggering Jig.

As I went to the fair at Ballaghy, I bought a wee slip of a pig  
And being down by the poor house, I whistled the Swaggering Jig  
And it's high to the cups and the saucers and high to the butter and bread  
And high to the bonny wee lassie who danced the swaggering jig.

I being down by the poor house I whistled so loud and so shrill  
I made all the fairies to tremble that lived around Corcoran's Hill  
And it's high to the top of the heather and high to the butt of the sprig  
And high to the bonny wee lassie who danced the Swaggering Jig.