

# The Morning Star

Reel

Traditional Ireland

The musical score is written in a single system of six staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The music consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together, with various phrasing slurs and accents. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The subsequent staves continue the melodic line with similar rhythmic patterns and phrasing.

The Morning Star was in both the Petrie Collection (1855) and the O'Neill Collection (1901) The stars seen in the early morning light and at dusk are usually planets. Often Venus is the first to be seen. The Morning Star is also the name of a river in County Limerick whose source is in the Ballyhoura Mountains in Cork. The Cat that Ate the Candle is sometimes given as a related tune. (Fiddler's Companion)