

## **Island Medley**

*A set of well-known songs from Scotland, I'm sure you'll recognize them all.*

Dark Island, a lovely, haunting air, was the theme song for a BBC Thriller called the Dark Island, in 1963, filmed in Benbecula, Scotland. The tune was written by Iain MacLachlan, an accordionist, and the lyrics used for the show written by David Silver.

The Skye Boat Song is a Scottish folk song, played as a waltz, recalling the escape of Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) from Uist to the Isle of Skye after his defeat at the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

Westering Home was written by Sir Hugh Robertson in the 1920's, probably derived from the Irish Gaelic song Trasna na dTonnta.

The final song is Wild Mountain Thyme , derived from the traditional Braes of Balquidder, .

*The medley starts off slow, and gradually increases in speed until we reach the end of Wild Mountain Thyme. We're not done yet, though - listen for the accordion, as we slow down again for a reprise of Dark Island.*

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(trad. Scottish tunes - arr. Marcia Phillips)

$\text{♩} = 120$

The Dark Island

The score consists of ten staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The first section, 'The Dark Island', spans staves 1-27. The second section, 'The Skye Boat Song', spans staves 28-59. The tempo changes to  $\text{♩} = 160$  at the start of the second section and to  $\text{♩} = 180$  at the start of the third section, 'Westering Home', which spans staves 60-80. Chord symbols are provided above the notes for each staff.

Am G C G  
Guitar - single strum

D C G C G

G D Am G C

$\text{♩} = 160$

The Skye Boat Song

G D C (G) G

Fine

G D G C G D<sup>7</sup> G

D G C G Em Am

Am Em Am Em G Am

$\text{♩} = 180$

Em A<sup>7</sup> Em D<sup>7</sup> G  
Westering Home

C G C D G

G D G D

85 

93 

101 

109 

117 

125 

D.C. al Fine

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Playing notes:

- Dark Island - start with fiddle only, 2nd time accordion only.
- Dark Island - guitar is slow strum on downbeat for 8 bars, then pick up.

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