

CAPTAIN HENRY O'KAIN

Irish

O'Carolan

Em D Bm

Em Bm Em

Em D Bm

G Bm Em

G D

Em C B Em

G D Bm D

G Bm Em

Turlough Carolan (1670–1738), blinded by smallpox when he was 18, learned the harp from his father's employer, Mrs. McDermott Roe. The profession of itinerant harpist was one of the few that did not require sight. But with this late start on Ireland's supreme instrument he was deemed an indifferent player. His first patron suggested he try composing, and this proved to be the source of his fame. "Captain O'Kain" appears in the *The Complete Works of O'Carolan* (Ossian Publications, 1983, Ireland) and also in *O'Neill's Music of Ireland* as "Captain O'Kane."