

# GIVE ME YOUR HAND

Irish

traditional

The musical score for "Give Me Your Hand" is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The chords are indicated above the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

Chords: C, G, C, G, C, C/B, Em, Bm, Am, Bm, C, Am, C, G, C, G, C, Em, C/B, D7, G *Fine*, C, Em, Bm, Em, Am, Bm, Am/C, D7, G, Em, Am, D7, G, Em, G, D, G.

G Em Am D7  
 C G/B G D  
 G F C Am  
 G Em D7 G  
*D.C. al Fine*

Jay Ungar and Molly Mason are particularly fond of this tune (in fact they asked my wife Liz Stell to play it during their wedding ceremony). It's also one of the tunes Jay teaches in his excellent video, *A Fiddler's Guide to Waltzes, Airs and Haunting Melodies*. The video includes Jay's tips for playing the *Tombigbee Waltz*, *Tennessee Waltz*, *Southwind*, *Sheebeg & Sheemore*, and *Ashokan Farewell*, made famous in the PBS documentary, *The Civil War*. Available from Homespun Tapes, Box 694, Woodstock, NY 12498. Jay and Molly run the wonderful Ashokan Fiddle & Dance Camp each summer in the Catskills of New York State.

"It's important to sing these tunes, live with them and get them in your soul, so you're playing something that comes from within you. Pick tunes that you love. If the basic melody doesn't really appeal to you, adding a lot of ornamentation, variations, and double-stops won't help much."

"Long notes in waltzes and slow airs may leave you feeling exposed, but they also present a special opportunity for self-expression. If a long note on an open string sounds thin and unexpressive, try fingering the same note on a lower string. You'll have more control over the pitch, volume, and tone."

"To master waltzes and slow airs it's helpful to focus equal parts of your musical time on listening to beautiful renditions of the tunes that you want to play, working on tone production, and finally, playing the tunes."

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