

The King's Cave

An Arran Boat Song

Moderate Rowing Tempo

Can be played slowly...depending on how fast you row

Traditional Irish

Petrie's Complete Irish Collection

From Lord Rosmore, Set 1841

♩ = 70

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The chords indicated above the notes are: A7(omit 3) (A E G), G⁶, Em, A(omit 3), Em, A7(omit 3), G⁶, Em, A(omit 3), Em, G⁶, Em, D, D, Em, D, Em.

Dr. George Petrie, LL.D., R.H.A., V.P.R.I.A., was President of the Society for the Preservation and Publication of the Melodies of Ireland, founded in 1851. The Society managed to publish only one volume of Petrie's work, though there was material for five volumes. The volume printed in 1851 contained the tunes arranged for pianoforte, apparently not well. The complete manuscript was later discovered and published in 1903 by Charles Stanford with the tunes as Dr. Petrie had transcribed them.

"The King's Cave", tune number 1119, was collected by Petrie from Lord Rosmore and set down in 1841. Lord Rosmore may have collected it much earlier from an unknown source.