Dow's 50 (Actually 60) Essential Tunes

Reels
1 – Banshee, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 7)
2 – Bird In The Bush, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 177)
3 – Bucks Of Oranmore, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 28)
4 – Concertina, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 94)
5 – Congress, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 35)
6 – Cooley’s(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 4)
7 – Cup Of Tea, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 36)
8 – Drowsy Maggie(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 1)
9 – Farewell To Erin(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 52)
10 – Father Kelly’s(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 221)
11 – Foxhunter, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 55)
12 – Gravel Walk, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 13)
13 – High, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 103)
14 – Humours Of Tulla, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 136)
15 – Maid Behind The Bar, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 9)
16 – Man Of The House, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 77)
17 – Merry Blacksmith, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 32)
18 – Miss McLeod’s(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 38)
19 – Mountain Road, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 25)
20 – Pigeon On The Gate, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 39)
21 – Rolling In The Ryegrass(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 71)
22 – Saint Anne’s(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 22)
23 – Sally Gardens, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 21)
24 – Silver Spear, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 6)
25 – Star Of Munster, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 24)
26 – Wise Maid, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 42)

Jigs
27 – Banish Misfortune(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 8)
28 – Blackthorn Stick, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 56)
29 – Blarney Pilgrim, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 20)
30 – Cliffs Of Moher, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 33)
31 – Connaughtman’s Rambles, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 11)
32 – Donnybrook Fair(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 84)
33 – Irish Washerwoman, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 40)
34 – Kesh, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 2)
35 – Lanigan’s Ball(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 264)
36 – Lark In The Morning, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 30)
37 – Lilting Banshee, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 43)
38 – Morrison’s(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 5)
39 – My Darling Asleep(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 47)
40 – Out On The Ocean(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 19)
41 – Pipe On The Hob, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 162)
42 – Rakes Of Kildare, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 130)
43 – Tripping Up The Stairs(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 48)

Hornpipes
44 – Boys Of Blue Hill, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 27)
45 – Harvest Home, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 18)
46 – King Of The Faeries(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 25)
47 – Off To California(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 37)
48 – Rights Of Man, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 12)

Slip Jig
49 – An Phis Fhliuch(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 166)
50 – Drops Of Brandy, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 123)
51 – Fox Hunter’s, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 91)
52 – Kid On The Mountain, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 17)
53 – Butterfly, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 3)
54 – Rocky Road To Dublin, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 64)

Slides
55 – Merrily Kissed The Quaker(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 46)
56 – Road To Lisdoonvarna, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 49)

Polkas
57 – Dennis Murphy’s(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 116)
58 – Egan’s(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 89)
59 – Ryan’s(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 50)
60 – Rakes Of Mallow, The(thesession.org Tunebook Rank: 167)
1 – The Banshee
Around The World
The Bansee
The Bean Si
Bean Sidhe
James McMahon’s
The Kilcavan Banks
MacMahon’s
McMahon’s
Miss McMahon’s
The Moyasta
Moyasta Junction

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/8
2 – The Bird In The Bush

The Bird In The Tree

Rhythm: reel

Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/629
3 – The Bucks Of Oranmore

The Box Will Hold No More

The Hearty Bucks Of Oranmore

The Hearty Bucks

Rhythm: reel

Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/2
The Concertina

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/18

The Congress

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/208
6 – Cooley’s
Cooney’s
Cuil Aodha
E Kreiz Hag Endro
Joe Cooley’s
Joe Cooley’s Fancy
Luttrell’s Pass
Put The Cake In The Dresser
RÃ-l Chuil Aodha
The Tulla

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/1
7 – The Cup Of Tea
The Unfortunate Cup Of Tea

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/20

8 – Drowsy Maggie
Maggie Tuirseach
Sleepy Maggie

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/27
Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/33
10 – Father Kelly’s
The Rossmore Jetty

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/791

11 – The Foxhunter
The Fox Chase

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/511
Rhythm: reel

Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/42

Suggestions of what to play with The Gravel Walk:
- Johnny’s Wedding / Rogue’s Reel / The Gravel Walk
- Maid Behind The Bar / Gravel Walk
- Farewell To Erin / The Gravel Walk
- Old Maid In The Garrett / Gravel Walk
- Mouth of the Tobique/The Night We Had the Goats/The Gravel Walk
- Jug Of Punch/Pinch Of Snuff/Jenny’s Chickens/The Gravel Walk
- Sleepy Maggie/Gravel Walk/Little Beggarman
- Banshee / Gravel Walk / Old Copper Plate
- The Silver Spire / The Glass Of Beer / The Gravel Walk
- Maggie Brown’s Favorite/Gravel Walks/Mason’s Apron
- Sleepy Maggie – Gravel Walk – The High Road To Linton
- Tommy Coen’s/The Sally Gardens/The Gravel Walk
- Gravel Walk / The Curragh Races / Star Of Munster
- Lads Of Laois/Gravel Walk/Glass Of Beer
- Gravel Walk/Tamlin Reel
13 – The High
An RÃ-l Ard
Barney McKenna’s High
Dr MacKinnon’s
Duffy The Dancer
Sandy Duff

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/44

14 – The Humours Of Tulla
The Tulla

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/415
15 – The Maid Behind The Bar
The Babe Behind The Bar
The Barmaid
The Green Mountain
The Haymaker
Judy’s
Little Judy’s
New York

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/64
16 – The Man Of The House

The Man In The House

Carthy’s
Fear An Ti
Ginley’s Fancy
McCarthy’s
Paddy McCarthy’s

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/222

17 – The Merry Blacksmith

Paddy On The Railroad
Sleigh Ride

Rhythm: reel
18 – Miss McLeod’s
Did You Ever Meet The Devil, Uncle Joe?
  The Dun Cow
  Eighthsome
  Hop High Ladies
  May Day
  Mrs MacLeod Of Raasay
  Mrs. McLeods
  Old Mammy Knickerbocker
  Uncle Joe’s

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/75
19 – The Mountain Road

Michael Gorman

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/68

20 – The Pigeon On The Gate

The Drunken Landlady
Seamus Ennis

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/517
21 – Rolling In The Ryegrass
The Piper’s Lass
Roll Her In The Ryegrass
The Shannon Breeze
Sun ’n’ Breeze

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/87

22 – Saint Anne’s
Sainte Agathe
The Skylark

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/103
Originally a French Canadian tune
23 – The Sally Gardens

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/98

24 – The Silver Spear

The Old Silver Spear
The Silver Tip
Joe Mhaire Mhicilin
Nancy Whiskey

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/182
25 – The Star Of Munster
The Bright Star Of Munster
Munster
Realt Na Mumhain

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/197

26 – The Wise Maid
All Around The World
Doherty’s
Tinker Doherty

Rhythm: reel
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/118
27 – Banish Misfortune
Banished Misfortune
DÃ¬bir Anachain
DÃ¬bir MÃ¬A#dh
Ecclesiastes 11:10
The Humours Of Mullinafauna
Varnish Me Foreskin

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/9
28 – The Blackthorn Stick
Catholic Boys
The Coach Road To Sligo
The Humours Of Bantry
The Robin’s Nest
The Scotia Reel

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/702
29 – The Blarney Pilgrim
Uillean Pipe Set
Dean Lloyd’s Jig #1
Killoughery Jig No. 1

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/5
30 – The Cliffs Of Moher

Rhythm: jig

Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/12
31 – The Connaughtman’s Rambles
Bold Doherty
The Duck From Drummock
Gathering Dilisk
Mickey The Mauler
Mickey The Moulder

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/19
32 – Donnybrook Fair
Andy Keone’s
The Humours Of Donnybrook
The Joy Of My Life
The Joys Of Love
Kiss Me I’m Irish
The River Cree

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/26
Rhythm: jig

Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/92
This is one of the most well-known Irish jigs.
34 – The Kesh
The Castle
Dean Lloyd’s Jig #2
Kerrigan’s
The Kesh Mountain
The Kincora
Salty Dog

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/55
Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/264
36 – The Lark In The Morning
Fr. Kelly’s
Ha’penny Bridge
The Lark On The Strand

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/62
37 – The Lilting Banshee

Ballinasloe Fair
The Banshee’s Lament
Bobby Casey’s
The Butcher’s March
John Conroy’s
The Killaloe Boat
The Miller Of Glanmire
The Moyasta
Paddy In London
Ryan’s
Ryan’s Favourite
The Sligo
The Wailing Banshee

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/60
38 – Morrison’s
Cry Of The Celtic
Jim Morrison’s
Maurice Carmondy’s Favourite
Morrison’s Aaron
The Stick Across The Hob
Tom Carmondy’s Favorite

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/71
39 – My Darling Asleep
The Mummer’s

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/76
Out On The Ocean

Mick Mulcahy’s

O’Connel’s Jig On Top Of Mount Everest

O’er The Sea

Over The Ocean

Portroe

Split The Whisker

Tierney’s

The Wind Is Over The Ocean

Rhythm: jig

Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/108
Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/81
42 – The Rakes Of Kildare
The Barn Door
Fagamaoid SÃ°d Mar AtÃ¡ SÃ©
Jim McBride’s
Leave That As It Is
Let Us Leave That As It Is
McBride’s
The Rakes Of Kildare Retreat March
Thank God We’re Surrounded By Water

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/84
43 – Tripping Up The Stairs
The Evesdropper
The Plains Of Kilkorkery
The Pride Of Kildare
Sackow’s
The Syracuse

Rhythm: jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/111
44 – The Boys Of Blue Hill
The Beaux Of Oak Hill
The Boys From The Blue Hill
The Boys Of Blue Oak Hill
The Lad Of Bluehill
The Lads Of North Tyne
Na Buacaillide Ua Cnoc-gorm
Na BuaichallÃ­- Gorm

Rhythm: hornpipe
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/651
45 – The Harvest Home
Cincinatti
The Cork
Fred Wilson’s Clog

Rhythm: hornpipe
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/49
Rhythm: hornpipe
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/475
47 – Off To California
Fireman’s
Going To California
The Humours Of California
Imtigte Go California
The Juggler
The Whiskey

Rhythm: hornpipe
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/30

48 – The Rights Of Man
Bedlam Boys

Rhythm: hornpipe
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/83
49 – An Phis Fhliuch
The Boy In The Bush
The Bridegroom’s Delight
The Choice Wife
The Good Wife
O’Farrell’s Welcome To Limerick
The Perfect Wife
The Ready Woman

Rhythm: slip jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/879
50 – The Drops Of Brandy
Lots Of Drops Of Brandy
New Drops Of Brandy
TÁ¡ Nead Ag An DreoilÁ-n

Rhythm: slip jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/388

51 – The Fox Hunter’s
The Foxhunter’s Jig
Nead A Lachan Sa Mhuta
Nead Na Lachain
Nead Na Lachain ‘Sna Luachra

Rhythm: slip jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/482
52 – The Kid On The Mountain

Rhythm: slip jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/52

53 – The Butterfly
The Butterfly Gig
Fiona
Kick The Peeler
The Red Admiral Butterfly
The Red Monarch Butterfly

Rhythm: slip jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/10
54 – The Rocky Road To Dublin

Rhythm: slip jig
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/593

55 – Merrily Kissed The Quaker

Kiss The Crater
Kiss The Quaker’s Wife
Merrily Danced The Quaker’s Wife
Merrily Kiss The Quaker
Merrily Kissed The Quaker’s Wife
Nine Inch Will Please A Lady
The Quaker’s Wife

Rhythm: slide
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/70
56 – The Road To Lisdoonvarna

Rhythm: slide
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/250

57 – Dennis Murphy’s

Rhythm: polka
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/357
58 – Egan’s
The Kerry
Peg Ryan’s

Rhythm: polka
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/39
"This tune is really very simple and straightforward to play." – Jeremy
"But in the sessions I attend in Glasgow it is one of the most hated tunes around!" – Jenny

59 – Ryan’s
40 Pound Float
The Armagh
Da-da
Death From Above
Forty Pound Float
Hills Of Connemara
Jack Ryan’s
John Ryan’s
Johnny Ryan’s
The Keadue
Psycho
Sean Ryan’s

Rhythm: polka
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/441
60 – The Rakes Of Mallow
Galway Piper
High Could Cap
La Pitoune
Piping Tim Of Galway
Tim’s Reel

Rhythm: polka
Notes: http://www.thesession.org/tunes/display/85