

The Great Western (Lancashire) Clog

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a.k.a. Belfast Hornpipe

Ryan's Mammoth Collection (1883), page 231.

Section A (measures 1-8):

Section B (measures 9-16):

Section C (measures 17-24):

It is suggested that the tune may have been named for the steamship Great Western.

This steamship was the first of three great early steamships built by Isombard Kingdom Brunel, one of the principal engineers of the industrial revolution.

There are other possibilities for the name, however, for Brunel did not confine his genius to steamships but was famous as well for his tunnels, bridges and railways. He constructed one of England's early railway lines, calling it the Great Western, from London to Bristol, a project begun in 1833 with the first London to Maidenhead broad gauge section opening in 1838.

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