

Soldiers' Joy

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Soldiers' Joy, by most counts, is an Irish reel that made its way to America before the War for Independence. By some counts, it is credited to the Danes who were overthrown by the Irish when Brian Boru' was High King of the United Ireland in the 10th century.

It is one of a number of tunes that are still played in America today in Old Time and Bluegrass circles. It is usually listed #1 or #2 on the "Top Ten Jam Tunes" lists compiled from every state in the Union.