



# BAGPIPE TUTORIALS

Pipe Major Bill Robertson,  
ex The Royal Scots



Marie ban Og

Slow Air from the Gaelic song

Most likely traditional

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in 6/8 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The first four staves contain the main melody, and the last four staves contain a more complex, ornamented version of the same melody. The music is in a slow, air-like tempo.

## LESSON POINTERS

As you can see the music is in compound time with two beats to the bar. Each pulse/beat has a basic rhythm of 1—2, 3-; 1—2, 3- and so on: 1— the downbeat, 2, the short note (not clipped), and 3- the remainder of the upbeat. Tempo would be about 42 BPM give or take just a little. Endeavour to have clean clear proper execution with a song-like approach to the playing of the melody. You may consider slowing down or deliberating slightly the last two bars.