

# We'll Aye Gang Back to yon Town Alexander Walker

CB setting

reel

When Cape Breton fiddler Jerry Holland was preparing his Lively Steps recording (1987) Gordon Côté taught him this tune along with a number of other other Walker originals.

alternate final bar J.H.

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Walker: *A Collection of Strathspeys, Reels, Marches, &c., 1866*; No. 192, pg. 66.

Scottish, Reel. G Minor, Alexander

i. Jerry Holland, cassette, 1987. ii. Natalie MacMaster, CD, 1996.

In 1975 Robber Burns published a song 'I'll Aye Ca' In By Yon Town' sung to the tune 'I'll gang nae mair to yon toun'. Translated into Standard English means 'I will always call in by that town' and 'I will go no more to that town'.

I'll aye ca in by yon town  
And by yon garden green again  
I'll aye ca in by yon town  
And see my bonnie Jean again

Perversely the tune for this song is titled 'I'll Gang Nae Mair to Yon Toun' (I will go no more to that town) aka 'I'll Aye Come Back By Yon Toun, Will Ye Not Come Back To Yon Toon'.

It assumed that this tune by Alexander Walker is his adaption of the Burns sentiment.