

# THE DOG AND THE MAGPIE

**Jig**

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*Son Ewan's family has a young Kelpie pup and each time it is taken for exercise a battle ensues between the pup and a magpie which lives in nearby trees. The maggie dive bombs the pup which tries to grab it as it goes past. If the pup needs a spell it flops on the ground and the maggie lands and waits about 10 metres away. When the pup has its second wind it jumps up and rushes at the magpie which takes to the air and the circus starts all over again! Hopefully this merry tune captures the spirit of the battle.*

The musical score is written in 6/8 time and consists of eight staves of music. The notation includes various rhythmic values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and repeat signs. The melody is characterized by a lively, bouncy quality typical of a jig. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a key signature of one flat. The music continues through eight staves, with the final staff ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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