

The SNOWY-BREASTED PEARL

traditional harp tune

6th string = D

mm ~ 80

mf

3

6 1

9 2

12

15

18

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a harp tune. It consists of seven staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The tempo is marked 'mm ~ 80' and the dynamic is 'mf'. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and chords. There are first and second endings indicated by bracketed numbers 1 and 2. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the seventh staff.



*Tá cailín deas am chrá
Le bliain agus le lá
Is ní fhéadaim a fáil le bréaga ...*

*There's a colleen fair as May
For a year and for a day
I have sought by every way
Her heart to gain ...*

This is another of the many harp tunes collected by Edward Bunting at the 1792 convocation of harpers in Belfast. It is attributed by him to Carolan. The lyrics (first line of one version are given above) were translated from the original Gaelic by the 19th century musicologist and collector George Petrie.

